

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session in the Pierce Town Hall, 144 Main, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, January 9, 2023.

Mayor Julie Lukela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Julie Lukela

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Todd Blehm	Heather Rospierski, Admin Assistant
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Geoffery Broughton	
Mary Heberlee	

1. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2022 Board Meeting: Motion made to approve minutes by Trustee Paris. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda by Trustee Schwindt. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

3. Public Invited to be Heard: Deb Schreiter said the Town Clerk lied and said there was no yield sign by her house. Duran explained that she had spoke to the Public Works Director since he has a longer history with the Town and he didn’t remember there being a yield sign there. Donna Oconner asked everyone to please speak up.

4. HOA Water Agreement and Resolution 2023-01: The Attorney for the HOA gave the go ahead to move forward. Clerk Duran said that Rene Cobb wanted an extension, but Attorney Godbold stated that it needed to move forward. Randy Spaedt asked if they are still able to pump so much that it dries out others around them. He was told that they have never went over what was allowed. Kim Herrick stated that they knew people were over watering. Motion made to approve by Trustee Broughton. Second by Schwindt. Roll Call. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Paris. Motion passed.

5. Clear Path of Agenda Process: Staff and Mayor would like the Monday before Board at 4:30 to be the cutoff. Tuesday the pre agenda will go to Mayor, Attorney and Engineer. Thursday packets will go out. Motion made to approve by Trustee Broughton. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

6. Post Salaries of Town Employees: Salaries of Town Employees is public information under Colorado Law. Currently, anyone wanting the information can come in and request it with an open records request. Trustee Heberlee thinks if it is posted, that it should be posted with qualifications, certifications, and number of years with the Town. Randy Spaedt said salaries of Town employees should not be posted. He said it will create animosity. Doc Wirkus said the Board should do research to see if other municipalities of similar size post salaries. Motion to table until next month by Trustee Wirkus. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

7. WCR90- Future Construction Traffic- Discussion/ Update: Received the latest site plan application, including traffic study, for BHS Solar. The latest revisions show that WCR 90 is not going to be a haul route, just passenger cars intended from contractors on the project. Brad will be working to get the additional information and coordinate with staff.

8. Water Rental Request: Town Engineer Curtis recommends closed bids. The minimum amount will be the cost of assessments. Motion to accept sealed bids by Trustee Paris. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

9. Old Business: None.

10. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: Lost sleep Thursday after the meeting. She understands why people don't like to complain to the Town because the complaints that have been brought were not acknowledged. The County Commissioner meeting went good. A grant was submitted for the Senior Center.

(B). Public Works: Report provided.

(C). Planning Commission: The Planning Chairman will be selected at the January meeting if there is one.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: Can look at rates.

(F). Town Clerk:

1. Request to Pay Bills: Motion to pay made bills by Trustee Schwindt. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Water Report: None.

3. Open Office Position: Mayor Lukela said that Pat Larsons resignation letter was not what was spoken in their conversation. Lukela said she doesn't think there needs to be a 3rd person working in the office since Ault only has 2 people in the office and they have more than Pierce does. Trustee Wirkus thinks we should go through a temp agency. Holly Bernhardt said Weld County has a program to get people back into the workforce. Motion for the Town Clerk and the Mayor to have the authority to fill the position either through the Weld County program or a temp agency made by Trustee Heberlee. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

11. Department Reports:

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Blehm:** Public Works Director Lester is working on certifications.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Wirkus:** Asked if we received any more bids for West Main. Clerk Duran let her know we have not.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Heberlee:** Would like to see who is interested in CPR/ First Aid. Believes the Town should get an AED.

(D). **Building – Trustee Schwindt:** None.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Broughton:** None.

(F). **Growth & Revenue - Trustee Spurgeon-Paris:** None.

10. Board Communications: 8:51 P.M.

Adjournment:

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
Town of Pierce