

**Town of Pierce  
Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 P.M., April 11, 2022.

Mayor Nansi Crom called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Pat Anderson	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	Pat Larson, Deputy Town Clerk
Doc Wirkus	

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve minutes. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

**3. Public Comment:** None.

**4. Consider Use of Bickling Field for Games- Greeley Grays:** The coach for the team was not present but wanted to know if the Board would allow games at the field. The Board will allow games. HRA has first priority, so anything done has to be worked out with HRA. Public Works Director Lester will also need to be notified. Anyone playing will also need to sign a liability waiver.

**5. Additions to the Personnel Policy:** Motion made by Trustee Anderson to approve additions to the personnel policy with suggested changes. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**6. Short Term Parking Post Office:** Mayor Crom was asked by a resident if something can be done with the parking in front of the post office. Patrons to the restaurant may be using the parking in front of the post office for long term parking. Town staff will contact Lisa with the post office and see if they would be interested in the Town posting it as short term post office parking only.

**7. Resolution 2022-07 Annexation Proceedings for a Portion of WCR 90:** A portion of WCR 90 was not annexed when Rimrock was annexed from HWY 85 to 5<sup>th</sup> St. This is ROW annexation and is more of a formality.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to adopt Resolution 2022-07 with public hearing set for June 13, 2022. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**8. Open Trustee Position Appointment:** There were four letters of interest received for the open trustee position. Public comment was taken. Anonymous ballot was prepared for the four applicants. After the first vote, it was narrowed down to Heberlee and Broughton. Ballots were prepared, resulting in a tie two more times. It was explained that if the Board could not come to a decision, this would go to special election. Broughton and Heberlee stepped outside to talk, upon returning Broughton withdrew his letter of interest. He did not want the Town to have to have the expense of another election. Following an additional vote by the Board, Heberlee was appointed.

**9. Old Business:** None.

## **10. Staff Reports**

(A) **Mayor Report:** Winding down and passing responsibilities to staff. Ready for retirement.

(B) **Public Works:** Report provided.

(C) **Planning Commission:** Meeting last month. The building permit application is still dark in the “For Office Use Only” section. Clerk Duran will let Rospierski to correct this again.

(D) **Town Attorney:** None.

(E) **Town Engineer:** None.

(F) **Town Clerk:**

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

2. **Water Report:** Provided. Allocation comes out Wednesday.

3. **Spring Clean Up:** Staff will get a couple dates for clean-up.

4. **Famli Coverage:** This will be added to the agenda next month. Clerk Duran will provide estimated cost of coverage.

5. **Leadership Academy:** Trustees ok for Clerk Duran to attend.

## **11. Department Reports**

### **(A). Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:**

1. Wage for Public Works Starting Position: Director Lester would like to raise starting pay from \$15.00 hour to \$17.00 up to \$20.00 per hour for negotiation.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to approve. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. Range for Director Lester to Increase Employee Wage: Director Lester would like the ability to increase Travis Hoellerer wage up to 35% pending yearly review.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to approve. Second by Doc Wirkus. All "AYES", motion passed.

**(B). Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** Would like to purchase 27 stop signs, not replacement signs. She was reminded there is no money and she will need to meet with Engineer Curtis to present a plan.

**(C). Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** Internet for Senior Center is pending the Rise contract. Emails from oil and gas will be in email inbox.

**(D). Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** No budget available.

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

### **(F). Police - Trustee Schwindt:**

1. Senior Center Heater: Heather hasn't gotten any return calls for assistance for the Senior Center heater.

Citations are down, but the police are concentrating on school zones for safety. Code enforcement issued lots of warnings. Interdepartmental communications box for Police needs to be set up.

## **12. Board Communications:** Thank you to outgoing members.

1. Swearing in of Trustees: Trustees sworn in and information provided.

Attorney Godbold informed the Trustees of the Sunshine Law, and not to discuss business in serial conversations which can be considered a violation of open meetings.

**Adjournment:** 8:52 P.M.

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Kristina Duran, Town Clerk