

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
August 8, 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. August 8, 2022.

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

Mayor Julie Lukela

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Mayor Lukela stated that there are typos in the minutes provided. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

3. Public Comment: Larry Schwindt- 3rd St, has been a resident of Pierce for 6 years. He has attended many Board meetings and had never seen this kind of discord among the Mayor and Board Members. The meetings since Mayor Lukela has taken office are chaotic at a high level. The Town has laws it has to follow. The Mayor has equal authority as every other Trustee. Doc Wirkus- Priddy St, the Mayor is a Trustee who made promises of changes when she campaigned with her friend. What changes is she planning on making? The Mayor is not allowed to respond during Public Comment so this will be on the next Board agenda. Tish Guenther- 5th St, a lot of people have been attacked at the last couple Board meetings, and Board members smirking. The Board needs to stop bickering and grow up. Carmen Batman- 5th St, The Mayor has been accused of things, is there proof she is actually doing these things?

4. Resolution 2022-11 Adopting New Liquor License Fee of \$200.00: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to adopt Resolution 2022-11. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

5. Business License for Grubbyz- New Owner Robert Fladung: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve the business license for Grubbyz. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

6. Business License for Home Business at 907 3rd St- Honeycomb LTD: Michael Yep is a handyman. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve business license for Honeycomb LTD. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

7. Board Resignation Letter for Trustee Mcfarland: Letter provided and read by Mayor Lukela. Motion made by Trustee Paris to declare a vacancy. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed. Staff will post that we are accepting letters of interest until September 8, 2022.

8. Process for Not Allowing Husband and Wife to Serve on the Board at the Same Time: Deb Schreiter- 5th St, does not feel like husband and wife or family should be allowed to serve on the Board at the same time. There is nothing in state statutes that prohibits this, Attorney Godbold will look into what it would take or if this can even be done.

9. A. Review and Discussion of Bids for DOLA EIAF 9503 WCR 90/ Rowe Reconstruction:

B. Resolution Awarding Bid for DOLA EIAF 9503 WCR 90/ Rowe Reconstruction: Northern Engineering recommends Martin Marietta based on bids submitted. Motion made by Trustee Blehm to award to Martin Marietta and adopt Resolution 2022-12 and allow staff to expend up to \$1078,500.00. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. Five “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Paris. Motion passed.

10. Preparation of the Board Agenda for Board Meetings: Attorney Godbold asked that this item be put on the agenda. This has continued to be an issue, so he felt it best that the Board adopts a policy on how the agenda is prepared and by whom. In Towns that he has contacted it is an administrative task, so the Town Clerk prepares. He will provide example policies next Board meeting.

11. Municipal Code for No Driver’s License and Expired Plates: If the Board would like to move forward with this being a municipal code, Attorney Godbold can have this for the next Board meeting. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt for Attorney Godbold to prepare. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

12. Increase Fireworks Fine: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to amend the fireworks code and increase fine to \$500.00. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

13. 3 Mile Plan: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to prepare Resolution for the 3 Mile Plan. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

14. Staff Reports:

(A) Mayor Report:

- 1. Schedule Open Meeting for Town Hall Talk:** Mayor Lukela would like to see what the residents of the Town want for the future of Pierce. She will look into availability of the Fire Department for this meeting.

Met with NWCWD about water. Coffee with the Mayor is cancelled for now, it ended up being a meeting of Board members. Mayor Lukela will take appointments.

(B)Public Works: Report provided. Public Works Director Lester would like to know the guidelines on hiring felons. Board response was type of felony and time frame it happened. This will be left to the discretion of Lester.

(C)Planning Commission: There was no meeting last month. Mayor Lukela and Planning Chair Harold met with BHS Solar. It was recommended to enter into a road maintenance agreement. They have heard and documented the Town of Pierces concerns. There may be opportunity for future annexation. There is also a seat on Planning open.

(D)Town Attorney: Asked about the Senior Center internet. He will contact Rise regarding this.

(E)Town Engineer: None.

(F)Town Clerk:

1. **Request to Pay Bills:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to pay bills. Second by Heberlee. All "AYES", motion passed.
2. **Water Report:** Provided.
3. **Schedule Budget Work Session:** August 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

12. Department Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer- Trustee Blehm: None.

(B). Streets & Drainage- Trustee Wirkus: None.

(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Heberlee: None.

(D). Buildings- Trustee Schwindt: Mold testing was repeated, exterminator came in and treated Town Hall.

(E). Parks & Recreation: Still looking into the movie in the park. Licensing to show a movie is expensive.

(F). Growth & Revenue- Trustee Spurgeon-Paris: The bar has been purchased.

13. Board Communications:

Adjournment: 8:32 P.M.

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk