

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021
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 Ault/Pierce Fire Department, 601 2nd St, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, April 12, 2021.

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

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Jody Ruppel	Heather Rospierski, Deputy Clerk II
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	Lia Szasz, Town Attorney
Pat Anderson	
Doc Wirkus	

1. Approval of Minutes from March 8th Board Meeting and March 8th Special Meeting:

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

2. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Crom would like to move Double J Water up on the agenda under item #3.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve agenda with change. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

3. Public Invited to be Heard: Holly Bernhardt would like to ask the Board to consider a donation to Highland After Prom.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to repeat donation amount from 2019 donation. Second by Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.

Ralph Sauter commended Public Works on snow removal but said that Lynn Wrights block didn't get plowed. He stated that there was an emergency and emergency vehicles were not able to get in. He said the bickering needs to stop. He also said Shippy should be replaced, he believes that code violations are only issued to residents that Shippy doesn't care for.

4. Double J Water: Kelli Crider, Double J and Sara Irby, Attorney for Double J are were present. A preliminary agreement has been sent over for the Board to review. Some of the items they would like considered are the amount of water allocated prior to the Ordinance in 2018, the amount of water that would be dedicated per year to the Town of Pierce, a four year average, and the Town to not be able to request more water in the future. The Board will schedule a work session to discuss the details of the agreement so Attorney Szasz can make proposed changes.

5. Bids for ½ Share of Water Supply & Storage: The Town received 3 bids to lease the ½ share of WSS water the Town has.

Motion made by Trustee Paris to lease the water for 2021 to the highest bidder, Casey Elder at the amount of \$3001.00 dollars. Second by Ruppel. Roll call. Mayor Crom abstained from voting. All “AYES”, motion passed.

6. Portable Restrooms: The Town of Pierce pays aver \$400.00 a month for the portable restrooms at the parks. Trustee Ruppel doesn't think it is necessary to leave them all year round. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to remove the Port o Let from the skate park, have the Port o Let at the ballfield from March to October, and leave the Port o Lets at Jones and Phillips Parks year round. Second by Schwindt. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE”, by Paris. Motion passed.

7. Rate Increase for Waste Management Trash Service: Waste Management has increased their rates 3%. Residents will see an increase on their bill. The Town Board would like to reach out to other trash companies within the next few months to see if there is interest in providing trash service to the Town when the contract with Waste Management is up.

8. Schedule Reviews for Ryan Shippy (hire 3/6/11), and Seth Hnizdil (hire 5/25/17): Public Works Director would also like to schedule review for Travis Hoellerer. Lester will complete reviews for his employees. He will be given direction and a range of money for pay increase. Ryan Shippy review and the water meeting will be on April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

9. Old Business:

1. Public Works Job Description: Trustee Anderson would like this job description to reflect that the Director will supervise employees, conduct interviews and reviews, understand and schedule inspections, reference safety procedures, and manage records. He also believes that the pay is low and believes it should be around \$28.00 - \$38.00 an hour. Trustee Anderson will email suggestions to Clerk Duran and it will come back to the Board.

2. Building Repairs: The Town has received 2 bids from All Phase Restoration, one for mold remediation and one to repair the damage to the building. The Board would like to get more bids for repair. There also needs to be a plan for ongoing treatment and mitigation. Mayor Crom suggested checking costs for ozone machines. The Board has decided not to put in a claim with insurance for the broken pipe, and will include that repair will all the other building work.

10. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: Mayor Crom will have a meeting with Incident Command regarding hazard mitigation. She would like to suggest planting a tree in remembrance of past Board members who pass away. This would also include a plaque. The Board would like to make this retro active to the beginning of 2021 with Bill Hanson and Toodie Hoover. Staff will get costs for this.

(B). Public Works: Report provided.

(C). Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved a covered patio, in which a permit was obtained after the work was completed.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: None.

(F). Town Clerk:

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

Clerk Duran reminded the Board that the Conex containers need to be moved this month, including the one belonging to HRA that is located on Town property. The Board was asked if they would like her to get a company to move it, or if they would like to be written into court for a code violation. Trustee Ruppel will contact HRA.

The Board asked Clerk Duran to contact Accountant Chavies to ask about higher return investments with Colotrust.

11. Department Reports:

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:** None additional.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** The streets are full of holes and need attention. Road base will be available in May. She will get with Engineer Curtis to discuss the needs of Main Ave. in front of Double J. There is also a drain pan at 2nd St. & Cave Ave. that needs fixed.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** Ascent is on the tower and taking customers.

(D). **Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** None.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Ruppel:** They had a meeting with contractors who are interested in bidding on the park. He would like staff to check prior minutes to see what was supposed to be signed with Davey Tree for maintenance.

(F). **Police - Trustee Schwindt:** Police report and code report provided. She had a lot of questions answered by Detective Bobo and gave him praises. She still feels like Code Officer Shippy isn't issuing enough code violations, just based on what she has seen in Town.

9. Board Communications: The board would like to have Pat Larson come to a meeting to explain her water reports. Planning Chair Crom asked about the increase in break ins, and it was explained that burglary is up and everyone should lock vehicles and not leave valuables in cars. The Town received thank you letters from the Hanson and Crom families. There is a semi that has been parking on 1st Ave.

Adjournment: 10:04 P.M.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
Town of Pierce