

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
April 27th, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session (rescheduled and limited agenda due to Covid-19) in the Town Hall Chambers 144 Main Avenue, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 P.M., April 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nansi Crom. Roll call was taken and the following Trustees comprising a quorum were in attendance.

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees:

M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris
Pat Anderson- Online
Jody Ruppel
Connie Schwindt
Carol Wirkus- Online

Others Present:

Rick Crom, Planning Chairman
Mike Ketterling, Town Engineer-Online
Martha Harold, Deputy Town Clerk
Lia Szasz, Town Attorney
Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes from March 2, 2020 Work session, March 9, 2020 Work session, and March 9, 2020 Board. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve agenda with the addition of swearing in of Connie Schwindt. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.
3. **Public Invited to be Heard:** None.
4. **Swearing in of Connie Schwindt and Jody Ruppel:** Both Trustees took oath for Board of Trustees, terms ending April 2024.

5. Public Hearing for Use by Special Review for 613 1st St- RPJ Energy:

Open 7:16 P.M.

Anne Larson and Ray Probst have proposed to put storage units and spaces for RV and Boat storage at the property at 613 1st St. This proposal has gone through planning and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Town Engineer Mike Ketterling has several concerns with this project. There was a subdivision improvements agreement that was entered into with the previous owner of the lot, Travis Hampton. There also needs to be a certified drainage study done, plans for storm water detention. Mike K. didn't have all the site plans because he was present at this meeting through zoom so pics of the plan were sent to him. RPJ is very frustrated because these issues were not brought up initially and in conversation between Mike K and RPJ Engineer it was said these items were not necessary. Town Attorney Lia Szasz informed the Board that they could postpone this until the next meeting and hold another public hearing so the Engineer had time to review, or they could approve with conditions. Town Clerk Tina Duran said this item could not go to the May Board meeting for a public hearing because of the time restrictions on publication. Lia also said that Board could approve with conditions.

Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve the Special Use application with the conditions of the need for the detention & drainage and per the subdivision improvements agreement requirements. Second by Paris. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Close 8:10 P.M.

6. Public Hearing for Use by Special Review for 601 W Main Ave- George Magdelano:

Open: 8:12 P.M.

George Magdelano would like to use his current house as a garage after his new home is built on the same lot. This proposal has gone through planning and it was recommended that this be denied due to an ordinance that Rick Crom, Planning Chairman thought prohibited a secondary building from being in front of a primary building. Rick apologized to George Magdelano and said Planning would like to recommend approval of his application, and a refund of the fees he paid for the special use application.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve the Special Use application and refund the fees paid. Second by Schwindt. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Close: 8:24 P.M.

7. Resolution 2020-4 Declaring a Local Emergency: Motion made by Trustee Paris to adopt Resolution 2020-4. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

8. Conservation Acres RFP and Proposal: Keith Day sent in a response for the lease for Conservation Acres. He would like to put alfalfa. He understands that the Town will not spend any money enforcing the easement along the ditch, and if he wanted to do so it will be at his expense. A draft lease was provided to Mr. Day. Motion made by Trustee Paris to allow Town Attorney Szasz to engage in lease negotiations. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

9. Staff Report:

(A). Town Clerk: Motion made by Trustee Paris to pay bills. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed. Deputy Clerk Harold would like to inform the Board that the Planning meeting start times have changed to 7:00 P.M.

10. Board Communications: Tina Duran would like to order a new laptop, working remotely has been difficult given the age of the laptops that the Town currently has. The Board gave her permission to order one. She will also look for TV’s that have already been approved for the Board room. Tina will be out for surgery in the near future. Town staff has also started working on providing Accountant Chad Chavies with information for the audit.

Adjournment: 8:49 P.M.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
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