

**Town of Pierce  
Regular Meeting  
December 12, 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. December 12, 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	Heather Rospierski Deputy Town Clerk II
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Todd Blehm	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	
Mary Heberlee- Late	
Geoffery Broughton	

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 14th, 2022. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

**3. Public Comment:** Carmen likes the newsletter. Richard likes table skirts.

**4. Snow Removal Ordinance-Concerned About Time for Snow Removal- Richard Wuehler:** Richard had some concerns about how the town code reads regarding snow removal. After speaking with the Town Board Richard understands more clearly what the code says. He still would like it rewritten so it's clearer to residents.

**5. Ault Police Department Patrol Area/ Requirements- Kolton Haas:** Kolton was present. The Chief of Police came and spoke with him on Monday for about an hour regarding some concerns he had. Moving forward, Kolton feels the line of communication will be a lot better. Kolton is happy with the communication from the Town with Heather Rospierski and Mike Lester.

**6. Adopt Budget Resolutions:**

**A. Resolution of Adopt Budget:** Motion made by Trustee Spurgeon-Paris to Adopt the Budget. Second by Heberlee. Roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**B. Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to adopt Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Second by Schwindt. Roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**C. Resolution to Set Mill Levies for the Budget Year 2023:** Motion made by Trustee Spurgeon-Paris to adopt Resolution to Set Mill Levies for the Budget Year 2023. Second by Heberlee. Roll call vote was taken All “AYES”, motion passed.

**D. Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation for the Budget Year 2022:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to adopt Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation for the Budget Year 2022. Second by Broughton. Roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**7. Cost of Living Increase for Employees for 2023:** No clear history on how raises were given. Cost of living is all across the board, merit raise is individual. Mayor Lukela thinks Town Clerk is overpaid, Public Works is underpaid, would like to give only the guys a cost of living increase. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt for a 3.5 % cost of living increase for all employees. Second by Wirkus. Roll call was taken. Five “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Lukela. Motion passed.

**8. Donation to Senior Center for Gas to Help Seniors to Appointments/ Stores:** No longer needs help. Will reach out if this changes.

**9. Resolution 2022-16 Water Use Agreement Non-Potable Water:** Motion made by Broughton to table until January’s Meeting. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**10. Donation Highland After Prom:** Motion made by Trustee Spurgeon-Paris to donate \$350.00. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to amend donation to \$500.00. Second by Heberlee. Five “AYES”, two “NAYE” by Paris and Broughton. Motion passed.

**11. SB 22-032 Business License Charge Restrictions:** This was on the agenda for informational purposes. This pertains to businesses that do not have a physical location in town.

**12. Jones Park Project:**

**A. Make Decision on Project:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to table until January’s meeting. Second by Spurgeon-Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**B. Apply for Grant? Choose Cycle:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to table until January’s meeting. Second by Spurgeon-Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**13. Old Business:** None.

#### **14. Staff Reports:**

**(A) Mayor Report:** The Board would have to decide to post the salaries of all employees.

This will be added to January's board meeting. The residents want it posted. There is a public record request if anyone chooses to request the information. North Weld County Water District rates are to increase to \$8.16 per 1,000 gallons by the year 2033. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**(B) Public Works:** Report provided. Donna O Conner is happy with Public Works.

**(C) Planning Commission:** There was a meeting in November, a deck and two Weld County referrals.

**(D) Town Attorney:** Proposition 122 legalized mushrooms and other natural medicine.

**(E) Town Engineer:** Emails have been sent regarding the use of Black Hollow Solar, but he has not received any emails back yet.

**(F) Town Clerk:**

1. **Request to Pay Bills:** Deputy Clerk II Rospierski requested to pay the bills. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to pay the bills. Second by Spurgeon-Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.
2. **Water Report:** Provided.
3. **Tablets for Trustee Use:** Deputy Town Clerk II Rospierski let the Board know that the reason this was added to the agenda is some Board Members do not like the tablets. For any that do not, please turn the back into Town Hall.
4. **North Weld County Water District 12/2022 Update:** Mayor Lukela talked about this in her report.
5. **Schedule Review for Public Works Director Mike Lester:** Review for Public Works Director Mike Lester is scheduled for December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

#### **15. Department Reports:**

**(A). Water/Sewer- Trustee Blehm:** Xeriscape presentation. Need more water.

**(B). Streets & Drainage- Trustee Wirkus:** Asked if we have received any more quotes for Main Street. Mike Lester said we have only received one.

**(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Heberlee:** Trustee Heberlee has a lead on someone to do first aid classes. She would like to have something posted in January's newsletter to see who would be interested.

**(D). Buildings- Trustee Schwindt:** None.

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

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

**16. Board Communications:** Trustee Broughton said that if any of the residents are interested in donating to the after-prom he would be happy to share contact information to do so.

**Adjournment:** 8:51 P.M.

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Kristina Duran Town Clerk