

**Town of Pierce  
Regular Meeting  
February 8, 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 Town Hall Chambers 144 Main Avenue, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, February 8th, 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, Admin Assistant
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	Lia Szasz, Town Attorney
Pat Anderson	
Doc Wirkus	

**1. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021 Special Meeting, January 11, 2021 Board Meeting and January 28, 2021 Special Meeting:** Motion made by Trustee Ruppel 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 Invited to be Heard:** Town resident Maria Rios is here with her children. She was very frustrated that she received a code violation warning for a patio cover she is building. Town staff recommended that she attend the Board meeting so that the HOA building approval process could be explained to her. Trustee Ruppel used to serve on the HOA and he explained to her that they have an architectural review committee that needs to review basically anything that is done to the outside of her property.

**4. Business License Application for 300 Cottage Ave- Emery’s Taxidermy- Todd Emery:** Todd Emery would like to have a small taxidermy business out of his shop. He is certified through the state. He freezes everything, and disposes of carcasses mostly in a dumpster at work. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve taxidermy business at 300 Cottage Ave. pending receipt of his sales tax number. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**5. Review Animal Permit for 701 W Main Ave.- Strahl:** This property is in excess of the number of animals allowed. They are allowed 4 horses. The excess number of horses is also causing issues with ground condition, and dirt blowing onto the property next to this property. This violation has been written into court twice. Property owners stated they are holding the

horses for their children and a friend, and they can't find anywhere to board them due to covid. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to give them to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to come into compliance or to revoke the special animal permit. Second by Anderson. All "AYES", motion passed. Motion made by Trustee Doc Wirkus that they have a plan for dirt mitigation ready for the Board to review at the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting. Second by Schwindt. Six "AYES", one "NAYE", by Ruppel. Motion passed.

**6. Tractor Lease:** The tractor that the Town has is starting to have a lot of issues so Public Works would like to lease a tractor. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to lease the Kubota for 5 years. Second by Schwindt. Six "AYES", one "NAYE" by Doc Wirkus. Motion passed.

## **7. Old Business:**

1. Trash Ordinance 2021-01: Town Attorney Szasz thought there was no consensus so she does not have anything ready for the Board. Item will be tabled to March Board meeting.

2. Double J Water: There was an email string provided from Sara Irby, Double J's Attorney. They are trying to have a plan to present to the Board but it wasn't ready. Item will be tabled to March Board meeting.

3. Ascent Broadband: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve lease agreement. Second by Anderson. All "AYES", motion passed.

## **8. Staff Report:**

(A). Mayor Report:

1. Review Job Descriptions for Public Works Positions: This item will be tabled to the March Board meeting.

(B). Public Works: There was an issue with the VFD. Public Works staff will check Monday to see if the issue is fixed. The Town received a cease and desist letter for the Reed well. Public Works Director Lester has been calling to see what needs to be done to get this fixed, but has not gotten a call back. Will be conducting two more interviews for Public Works Tech II position.

(C). Planning Commission: No meeting in January.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: Have been working through irrigation stuff. There may need to be another traffic study done to determine the appropriate proportional share, but oil and gas is slow right now so it will need to be done at a certain time.

(F). Town Clerk:

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

2. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to purchase another license for animal permits. Second by Doc Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**9. Department Reports:**

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:** Public Works Director Lester will work with the HOA to decide when to turn on the non-potable system.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** Met with Mike Lester to look at the streets. Public Works filled a hole at HWY 85 and CR 90. Trustee Carol Wirkus would like quotes on W. Main Ave by the packing plant. Clerk Duran reminded the Board that no money was budgeted for this.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** None.

(D). **Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** Clerk Duran said the Board may want to look into the recycled asphalt for the parking lot as it has been very messy this winter.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Ruppel:** Still working on the Ballfield information.

(F). **Police - Trustee Schwindt:** Hours back up, issuing summons, addressing concerns. Doesn't feel Ryan is issuing enough warnings and that some places in Town look like junk yards.

**10. Board Communications:** Town staff will send out letters regarding the shipping containers needing to be removed. North Weld County Water District increased their rates. Bill Hanson passed away, services Friday and Saturday.

**Adjournment:** 9:38 P.M.

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Kristina Duran  
Town Clerk  
Town of Pierce