

**Town of Pierce
Regular Board Meeting
September 11, 2023
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. September 11, 2023.

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	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Todd Blehm	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Doug Herrick	Heather Rospierski, Deputy Clerk II
Mary Heberlee	
Geoffery Broughton	

1. Approval of Minutes from August 14th, 2023: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve minutes with the change to number 7 to be office staff, not off staff. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Add item after #7 to include proposal from IT. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve agenda with the addition. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

3. Public Comment*: Deb Schreiter says that Clerk Duran shouldn't solicit people to join the Board. Duran explained that staff has always had to solicit people to run for the Board since there has not been much interest in the past. Schreiter said that since Duran doesn't live in Town she doesn't care about the Town. Clerk Duran said that is not the case, and she does care about the Town and hopefully all the chaos amongst the Board will make people want to be more involved. Schreiter said that she spoke to an attorney and the pit bull should not be allowed in Town Hall. Kenny Dill asked someone to look into the trailer that was parked at Grubbyz the last couple weekends to see if it is allowed or not.

4. Stop Sign Request- Deb Schreiter: Deb lives on the corner of 5th and Shafer and is having issues with people not yielding and speeding. Her house is getting hit with rocks. The police have been there observing traffic. She would like to request a stop sign be placed to help control traffic. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to table this until the October meeting so more information can be gathered. Second by Herrick. All “AYES”, motion passed.

5. Potable Water Moratorium- Town Engineer Brad Curtis: One year ago NWCWD put a moratorium for taps to their system due to too many building permits being issues uncontrolled. The Town of Pierce moratorium has grandfathered three properties so the moratorium doesn't include those properties. Engineer Curtis recommends that the Town adjusts the moratorium subject to review. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to have Attorney Godbold draft a resolution and add to the Board agenda for October. Second by Herrick. All "AYES", motion passed.

6. Planning Commission Members Attendance: There has been a Planning Commission member that has missed four meetings in a row. Town code stated that a member may be removed by the Board after missing two meetings. Deputy Clerk II is expecting some items to come before the Planning Commission, so it is preferred that all members attend. Mayor Lukela said we can wait until a later time to address this issue. Clerk Duran said that is fine, but it needs to be a decision made by the whole Board. Motion made by Trustee Herrick to table this issue for 60 days. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

7. Mold Mitigation of Town Hall: Mold testing has revealed elevated levels mold again. Two bids for mitigation have been submitted. The estimates are on the higher end and Mayor Lukela thinks we should try to detect the source of the mold. Lukela said she will call insurance to see if this will be covered. Motion made by Trustee Herrick to allow staff to spend up to \$1500.00 for mitigation in the meantime. Second by Blehm. All "AYES", motion passed.

Added Item IT Proposal- Matt Ramos: A proposal was provided by Matt on upgrading the website to be ADA compliant. It will be a one-time fee of \$2850.00 and \$75.00 monthly fee. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve the website upgrade. Second by Broughton. All "AYES", motion passed.

8. Old Business

1. 3rd Street Road Maintenance Gravel Donation- C&H Aggregates- Trustee Doug Herrick: C&H aggregates would donate 200 tons of road base to the Town of Pierce. The Town would need to pay \$2000.00 for C&H hauling fees and \$1000.00 for Northern Engineering to survey. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve as stated. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

9. Staff Reports

(A). Mayor Report

1. Reasons for Mayor Recall: Mayor Lukela read the recall statement submitted for recall. In applying for grant, Lukela stated that she didn't hide that she was applying for the grant on behalf of the Town. Trustee Schwindt said the Mayor said she was assisting the Sr. Center in applying for the grant. Lukela said she didn't hold up anything with hiring an employee for the office. She did abstain from voting on a business license. She said she is sorry to the Town because the Board isn't a team that works for them. Mayor Lukela has started negotiations with the Chief of police. Renee Cobb asked the Mayor if she could read the police reports monthly.

(B). Public Works

1. Bid for Ditch Cleaning: The BID to clean ditches came in at \$20,100.00. Kenny Dill said Public Works staff should clean the ditches with the equipment they have, and hand dig what the equipment won't get.

(C). Planning Commission: A garage got tabled again. One WCR referral got approved.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer

1. Monthly Water Report: Town billed out 4.6 million in August.

2. Update on Main St RFP: Three BIDS were received. Northern Engineering is still reviewing.

3. Water Rate Update: 2019 had a healthy reserve. The Board should save up for capitol projects for a few years, then complete the project. Then repeat for next project.

(F). Town Clerk:

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

2. Comment Box: Nothing in the boxes this month.

3. Clerk Duran- Surgery Update: Has to have back surgery again, tentatively scheduled for mid October. Duran can do some work from home after surgery. Mayor Lukela will make decisions regarding office if something comes up.

The Booster Club is requesting donations. Motion made by Trustee Herrick to donate \$750.00. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

10. Department Reports

(A). **Water/Sewer- Todd Blehm:** Add Bob VanDop to October Board agenda.

(B). **Streets & Drainage- Doug Herrick:** Trustee Blehm did a lot of work for the streets too.

(C). **Utilities & Energy- Mary Heberlee:** Has handouts for Town Hall and Sr. Center.

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

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

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

11. Board Communications: Board would like staff to look for grants that may help with the mold mitigation. Also look into historical building assistance. Renee Cobb would like to know if the Board meetings will be moved to the Fire Department because of the mold. Board says it is too soon to know.

Adjournment: 9:05 P.M.

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk