

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
October 13th, 2025
6:30 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 6:30 P.M., October 13th, 2025.

Mayor Cathy Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Cathy Ortiz

Trustees	Others Present:
Chris VanWhy	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Geoffery Broughton	Heather Rospierski, Deputy Town Clerk II
Teresa Martinez	Mike Lester, Public Works Director
Julie Lukea	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Glen Lester	James Godbold, Town Attorney, by phone
Larry VanWhy	

1. **Approval of Minutes from September 8th, 2025 Board Meeting:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve the minutes. Second by Lester. All “AYES”, motion passed.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Trustee C. VanWhy to approve the agenda with changes to add in 18.B. two resignations. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** Jody Dean, who lives at 103 W. Main Ave and has been neighbors with Larry VanWhy for 22 years, had a complaint about the new tenants in Larry’s shop. Jody said the noise is very loud all day long. She also showed the Board a video she took. Town code states that unlawful noise is noise being heard 25 feet beyond the property line. The new business tenant was present at the meeting and said he can move the trucks down, and he also might only be in the shop for another week. He is willing to work with the Deans on the noise.

Comment Box: None

4. **Consider a New Business at 405 1st Street- Applied Construction Solutions:** Motion made by Trustee C. VanWhy to approve the new business license for Applied Construction

Solutions. Second by Broughton. L. VanWhy abstained from voting. All “AYES”, motion passed.

5. **Consider a New Business at 540 Park Ave- Ram Kreations:** Motion made by Trustee Lukela to approve the new business license for Ram Kreations. Second by Lester. All “AYES”, motion passed.
6. **Consider a Water Tap for parcel # 055327131002:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to consider a water tap for parcel # 055327131002. Second by C. VanWhy. 2 Nays by Lukela and Lester. Motion passed.
7. **North Weld County Water District Agreement:** Motion made by Trustee L. VanWhy to approve the water agreement. Second by Lester. A roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.
8. **Response from North Weld Herald on Publication Choices:** Information was provided on the cost and a summary of how things are posted.
9. **Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2026:** A proposed budget was given to the Board to review.
10. **Schedule Budget Work Session:** The Board scheduled a work session for Monday, October 27th, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.
11. **Consider Changing Capital Expenses to a Minimum \$ 5000.00:** Motion made by Trustee L. VanWhy to change capital expenses to a minimum of \$5,000. Second by Broughton. A roll-call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.
12. **Close Town Hall at 3:45 on Halloween for Staff to Give Out Candy/ Trick or Treat Street:** The Board is ok with staff closing Town Hall at 3:45 to give out candy. Deputy Clerk II Rospierski will reach out to get the Main Street Trick or Treat set up.
13. **Consider not allowing Solicitation Licenses in Pierce Town Limits:** Motion made by Broughton to not allow solicitors in the Town. Second by Lester. All “AYES”, motion passed.
14. **Consider Transfer of Money to ColoTrust:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to transfer money to ColoTrust. Second by C. VanWhy. A roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.

15. **Schedule Recall Election for Mayor Ortiz:** Skipped due to item 18b.

16. **Old Business:** None

17. **Staff Reports**

(A). Mayor Report: None.

(B). Public Works: Report provided.

(C). Planning Commission: There was a meeting last month.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: None.

(F). Town Clerk:

1. **Request to Pay Bills:** Motion made by Trustee Lester to pay the bills. Second by L. VanWhy. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. **Staff Medical Issues:** Clerk Duran is still having problems with her back and hip. Her doctor recommended she work from home 2-3 days a week if needed. The Board has no issues with that.

18. **Department Reports:**

(A). Water/ Sewer- Trustee Lester: None.

(B). Streets & Drainage- Trustee L. VanWhy: Road base is being brought in on Wednesday. It's a 2-inch cover that will be going on a gravel road. They are doing only 1 street for now, but if it works, he will try for more.

(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Lukela: None.

(D). Buildings: Trustee Broughton: Broughton asked if the plastic had been bought for the windows. Clerk Duran said yes, public works is waiting for it to get cold enough to put it up.

(E). Parks & Recreation- Trustee Martinez: None.

(F). Growth & Revenue- Trustee C. VanWhy: None.

18 (B). 2 Resignations: Mayor Ortiz said after careful consideration, she has decided to resign as Mayor. Not because she wants to, but because she does not want to cost the Town another recall election. She does not feel her recall was justified, but the Town cannot afford to keep paying for personal differences. Trustee L. VanWhy will be stepping in as Mayor until the November 2026 election. There is also a resignation letter from Trustee Martinez. Trustee Broughton made the motion to accept the resignations from Ortiz and Martinez. Second by Lester. All “AYES”, motion passed. The Town will be accepting letters of interest for the 2 Trustee positions until December 5th, 2025. At the December Board meeting, Trustees will appoint 2 new Trustees.

19. Board Communications: Trustee Broughton read a statement. “Look around, the people you are fighting with are your neighbors. Cathy is your neighbor. Julie is your neighbor. Tina and Heather are your neighbors. The behavior he has seen towards all these people is unloving.” He doesn’t believe this Town is as divided as people think it is. He thinks it's only a small segment that has trashed the Town’s reputation.

Adjournment: 7:50 P.M.

Heather Rospierski, Deputy Town Clerk II

