

# PIERSON TOWNSHIP Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

7:00 pm

- I. Call to order: 7:04 pm
- II. This meeting will be recorded.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Invocation: Rich Vance
- V. Roll Call  
Present: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
- VI. Approval of Meeting Agenda  
Motion: Burkholder  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
- VII. Approval of Consent Agenda, approval of minutes from April 9, 2019, minutes from Election Commission Meeting on April 16, 2019, minutes from Special Meeting on April 18, 2019, and presentation of bills.  
Motion: Gould  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
- VIII. Guest Speakers
  - a. Bill Grice
  - b. Mike Slater/Wood Lake Homeowners Association: Presented bid for Montcalm County Seal Coating to be approved by Wood Lake Homeowners Association and the Road Committee. Wood Lake Homeowners Association will pay the contracted price.
- IX. Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer
  - a. CD's and ISC Sweep Account
- X. Correspondence
  - a. Montcalm County Planning Commission re: Wind Towers & Solar (same information provided at the MTA meeting attended in April 2016.
  - b. MTA (Michigan Township Association) Assessing Seminar – Bill VanTil to attend.
- XI. Public Comments

XII. Open Issues:

- a. Motion to approve the Special Assessment Policy “revised draft dated 05/06/19” prepared by Mika Meyers, Township Attorney.  
Motion: VanTil  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould                      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
  
- b. Big Whitefish Special Assessment District Exhibit of Parcels for 2020 Special Assessment District.  
Motion: Burkholder  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
  
- c. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-08 the first for Big Whitefish Lake Special Assessment establishing the Special Assessment District. First Public Hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2019 at 7 pm at Pierson Township Hall.  
Motion: Burkholder  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns                      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
  
- d. Dispute Update for Little Whitefish Lake Association and Big Whitefish Lake Association’s assist request to obtain records concerning the LWL and BWL Sewer District Fund by Montcalm County [Scheuermann]: copy of letter of request be sent to Patrick Carr, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners with a response of 3-5 days.  
  
Motion to contact Attorney Thrall to assist with request for information if no response within 10 days after no contact from [Montcalm] County.  
Motion: Scheuermann  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Burkholder                      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
  
- e. Michigan Township Association: Membership reinstatement update [Burkholder].
  
- f. Application for Exemption of Real and/or Personal Property [VanTil] Update.
  
- g. Review Ordinance & Resolution to amend the Regulatory Ordinances of the Township of Pierson from Mika Meyers with options for the Zoning Violations Policy: Tabled until June 11, 2019 meeting for clerical corrections and questions for township attorney.
  
- h. Credit Card Policy Res. 2017-06 for review: Tabled until June 11 meeting.
  
- i. Zoning Ordinance: Wind Towers [VanTil]: Montcalm County is asking for input regarding policies and ordinance.

XIII. New Business:

- a. Approve the Burnham & Flower Insurance Policy 2019-20 in the amount of \$4,789.00.  
Motion: Burkholder  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann                      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

b. **Budget Amendments:**

BA: **708:** Contingency fund 101-900-900-001 to Township Board Miscellaneous \$96.00 for Local Chapter meeting; **711:** Election funds 101-262-802.001 \$3,350 distributed for availability to: 101-262-727.000 Supplies \$500, 101-262-728.003 Election Postage \$500, 101-262-860.00 Election Mileage \$100, 101-262-703.003 Election Wages \$2,000, 101-262-870.00 Soc Sec/Medicare \$150.00, 101-262-956-003 Election Misc. \$100. BA: **712:** Contingency fund 101-900-900.001 \$10 to Trustee consulting 101-101-713.000, **713:** Correction of mileage from election 101-247-860.000 to clerk 101-215-860.000 for \$6.26.

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns

Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

- c. Workshop Special Meeting for Pierson Township Policies & Procedures: May 30, 2019 from 5 pm until 7 pm.

- d. **Resolution 2019-09** for the PA-116 application for Farmland Preservation Program for Sheldon & Lorie Fahner in Pierson Township Property #59-015-014-008-00 and #59-015-014-007-00 for final approval.

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns

Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

- e. **Resolution 2019-10** for Approval for Sanitary Sewer Connection Agreement between Anthony Annese and Christine Annese, husband and wife, the Township of Pierson, the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner acting on behalf of the County of Montcalm and the Big Whitefish Lake Consolidated Sanitary Drain Drainage District for assignment of REU from LWL System to BWL System.

Motion: Hyrns

2<sup>nd</sup>: VanTil

Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

- f. Approval of the Consumers Energy Authorization to change and resolution covering the replacement and/or installation of streetlight(s) and payment [of non-refundable \$100.00 per luminaire. Monthly energy charge with this installation for 1 luminaire is approximately \$7.96] of installation of street light at Windslow Park.

Motion: Hyrns

2<sup>nd</sup>: VanTil

Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

- g. Township Hall supplies: VanTil to be sure there are cleaning supplies provided so back to back rentals are clean for the next rental.

XIV. Committee Reports:

- a. Planning Committee: July 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting scheduled
- c. Sewer Advisory Committee –Sandy Raines to schedule.
- d. Solid Waste Committee – No meeting scheduled.

- e. Road Committee – Scheuermann Road Report. Next meeting: July 10, 2019

Approve Chloride Contract for Chloride 2019 treatment bid \$27,673 and the Contract for a Culvert repair on Maple Hill Rd. between Stanton Rd and Pierson Rd in the amount of \$3,227.00.

Motion: Scheuermann

2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns

Roll Call: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

- f. County Commissioner – Tom Porter/absent
- g. Election Committee: August 6, 2019 Special Election for the Tri County School Bond.
- h. Board of Review: Meeting July 16, 2019 at 2:00 pm
- i. Parks & Recreation Meeting – May 16, 2019 and June 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm
- j. Fire Committee – Bill Grice or Orvin Moore
- k. Assessor’s Activity Report – See attached.
- l. Monthly Zoning Report – 1 permit for a stick-built home was issued.

XV. Public Comments:

Dan Buyze, Association President of Big Whitefish Lake Association has a copy of the newest report concerning PFAS levels at the Pierson Central Landfill. Copy of findings to be posted on the Pierson Township website. Citizen Advisory Group is being formed.

Mark Reinhart of Little Whitefish Association has requested assistance from Township Clerk to have a Special Assessment for Weed Control for 2020.

XVI. Board Comments

Clerk Reminder to Pierson Township Residents, the ***Pierson Clean-Up day is Saturday, June 1, 2019***. Items and instructions will be posted to the Pierson Township website [www.piersontwp.org](http://www.piersontwp.org) and on the new Pierson Township Facebook page. Find us on Facebook and Instagram through the website!

XVII. Adjournment: 8:56 pm