

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2020 at 5 pm

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 to address meetings of public bodies, such as township boards, village councils, county boards of commissioners, etc., required under the Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), MCL 15.261 et seq., in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

*Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 "I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing **until 28 days after any state of emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic**, to the extent that the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.272 ("OMA") requires that a meeting of a public body be held in a physical place available to the general public or requires the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, strict compliance with section 3 of the OMA, MCL 15.263, is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical presence requirements, as follows:*

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means." (full verbiage is posted on township website or upon request).

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 5:02 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:

Present: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann Via Zoom: Gould, Hyrns

B. Approved Meeting Agenda with addition.

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: Burkholder Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

C. Public Comments

D. LWL Bond Refinance postponed until we have an opportunity to talk to the Drain Commissioner, Benzinski Brother's and attorney Thall [until September 15, 2020].

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Scheuermann No: Burkholder

Trustee Scheuermann to take the lead [to investigate option of LWL Refi by the Township].

Motion: Gould

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Scheuermann No: Burkholder

E. Mika Meyers invoice 646386 in the amount of \$1,298.50 for [consulting on] non-statutory duties and compensation.

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: Gould Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

F. MTA Membership [no changes/new board]

G. Non-Statutory and meeting pay timesheet for Clerk in the amount of \$185.

Motion: Gould

Pierson Township meetings are being recorded.

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

1. Attorney opinion [regarding non-statutory & statutory duties and pay] tabled until new Board has been elected.

H. Reimburse Clerk for payment of Notary Bond & filing fees [in the amount of \$70].

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: Gould Roll Call Yes: Gould, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: VanTil, Hyrns

I. Policy Discussion

1. Policy Manual including website policy, social media policy, non-statutory duties, reporting by Treasurer and Clerk, tabled until new Board has been elected.

Motion: Gould

2nd: Hyrns Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

J. [Interim] Zoning Administrator to attend training with MTA in the amount of \$94 from Contingency to [new GL] 101-720-960.001.

Motion: VanTil

2nd: Burkholder Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

K. Public Comments

L. Adjournment: 6:18 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann