

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes ^ As amended

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

April 20, 2026

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

B. Meeting Agenda

Motion: Sower

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

- C. Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2026; Budget Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2026; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated March 14 – April 7, 2026; Check register: March 1-31, 2026; Gen Fund Invoice: Inv 119683 Siegfried Crandall for \$150 Professional accounting consultation 101-101-821.000; Inv 2116 Fresh Coast for \$2,985.54 (Kroft reimb \$1,650/Twp \$1,335.54 101-101-821.000); Inv 167787 BS&A for \$1,385 (BD \$943 Split Assessor 101-257-728.006 & Zoning 101-702.728.006 & SA \$442 101-253-810.000); Treasurer's Report; Correspondence; Assessor's Activity Report; Howard City March Fire Report; Sewer Check register for March 1-31, 2026 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: March 12 – April 7, 2026; Payable from the BWL/LWL Sewer Accounts Inv. 76523 Fleis & Vandenbrink for \$7,100 BWL/South WWTP Emergency Project 862293; Inv 167787 BS&A for \$720 (Split 50/50 UB) 590/592-536-728.007; Fire Fund: invoice 40126 Village of Howard City for Fire Contracts (\$2,419.87 + 1,416.67 = \$3,836.54).

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved under one blanket motion.

Motion: Orcutt

Second: Sower

Aye: all

- D. Public Comments: question asked how long Howard City Fire Department would be covering the southern half of township (until the contract with Nelson Township has been signed).

E. New Business:

1. Road Contract for Hillis Rd Seal Coat (TIRF/SAD).

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Marijuana facilities/establishments. – **Sending to PC**

3. Bloom & Sluggett Invoice 28162 \$363.50 (Gen Mun) and Invoice 28161 \$198 (zoning)

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Sower

Aye: all

4. Moore + Bruggink Invoice 260124.2-1 for the Zoning Map subject to approval of Zoning Admin and Supervisor for \$2,978.35 and Invoice 260124.1-1 for Rowkro \$3,484.63 as (escrow is) reimbursed.

Motion: Sower

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

5. Building & Grounds locks & irrigation cage installation with Salvail Builders not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all

F. Open Items:

1. Sand Lake Area Fire Department Update – awaiting contract from Nelson Township Attorney; and Pierson Township Attorney approval.
 2. Policy Updates – review for next month approval
 - a. Bids & Quotes policy review
 - b. Zoning Fees
 - c. Meals & BSA procedures (clerical only)
 3. Zoning Administrator Position – ^Board recommends Dan Buyze for Zoning Administrator for one year; then will consider ~~tabled for consideration~~ of possibilities of deputy zoning admin and township building department, and transition.
 4. Committee Updates:
 - a. Road Committee - April 14 meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum – Reschedule date to be determined.
 - i. Road Policy – tabled
 - b. Planning Commission: **Next Meeting: April 23 at 7 pm**
 - c. Community & Economic Growth: **Food 4 Fire Fundraising Event Meeting April 22 at 6 pm**
 - d. Parks & Recreation: **Next meeting: May 4, 2026 at 6 pm** (if items for Agenda)
 - d. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)- **Next meeting: tbd**
 - i. (BWL) South site re-build
 - ii. North site flow meter installation – applied for Congressional Spending Grant; met with BWL Association and awaiting meeting with LWL Association on timing of buy-in/options.
 - iii. Survey, fence & signage for treatment site – awaiting county grant opportunity
- G. Public Comments: Question about the Marihuana opt out, rumor about Pierson Township pulling out of the new Community Fire Department (we are not), asked if the Township was going to request a millage to fund the capital needs (Board is looking into all options – Special Assessment, Millage and community donations).
- H. County Commissioner – Nate Alexander (absent)
- I. Announcements and Board Comments:
Lance Gates Memorial Bench is here and we are looking for a couple people to install, and will have a small dedication ceremony with his family.

Looking for corporate sponsors for the Food 4 Fire Event on June 12.

Trustee Bergman shared his opinion that the Township should consider a moratorium on Data Centers; Supervisor said Township Attorney has offered a couple of options about the process (will be on Planning Commission to proceed).

Reminder, the Township does not do business on social media. The Board welcomes residents to attend meetings or stop by the township with questions or concerns.

J. Adjournment: 8:01 pm

Motion: Sower

Second: Bergman

Aye: all