

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Agenda^Minutes**  
**February 18, 2020**

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation: Rich Vance
4. Roll Call:

Present: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuremann

B. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould

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

C. Approval of Consent Agenda: Approval of Pierson Township Board Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2020, Special Meeting on January 30, 2020. Special Meeting on February 6, 2020, Election Commission Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2020, Budget Amendment 908 adding budget of \$800 to the Little Whitefish Account for permit, Register of Warrants/Checks from January 21, 2020 to February 18, 2020, Invoice to paid from general account for On It Heating and Cooling for \$70.00 (emergency call/hall heater), Correspondence with no action required, Committee meeting schedule, Assessor's Report, Zoning Administrator Report, Sand Lake & Howard City Fire Reports, BWL/LWL Sewer Reports.

Motion: Gould

2<sup>nd</sup>: VanTil

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

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

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurers Report

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould

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

E. Guest Speakers:

1. Dan Buyze – Presentation with Sara Burkholder: Putting the ideas and goals of the new Township Master Plan in action.
2. Sheriff Mike Williams – March 10, 2020 Millage Information

F. Public Comments.

G. New Business:

1. Audit Engagement Letter for Auditing services from Siegreid & Crandall, PC.

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann

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

2. Motion to adopt project plan for Community Outreach to begin in 2020, creating a Community & Economic Growth Committee: to hold 7 meetings, for 7 members – Sara Burkholder, Dan Buyze, Kathi Coffin, Roger Rockburn, Deb Becker Fountain and two from the community (by application); first meeting to be held in March 2020 with wages in current budget of \$210 and Medicare/social security \$20.00 and remaining in the new fiscal year current budget in Community & Economic Growth \$108.95/\$121.05 from contingency; wages \$1,470, Medicare/Social Security \$120, Supplies \$200, advertising \$200 (totaling \$1,990.00) in the next fiscal budget (2020-2021) starting April 1, 2020.

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: VanTil

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

3. Fire Contract's Expiration (Howard City February 28/Village of Sand Lake March 30) - Supervisor to follow up.
4. Adoption of an Agricultural Building Permit for Pierson Township (*followed the County Building department form: no cost/record only*).

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould

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

#### H. Open Items:

1. Dispute Update: Big Whitefish & Little Whitefish Lake Association – Suit for FOIA Violation Served 2/18/2020 to Montcalm County.
2. Planning Commission: Master Plan (waiting period – no action)
3. Jay Bassett Land Donation – no change
4. Zoning Update – 1 stick built home.
5. Township drop box – returned. Lock cleaned & new keys made.

#### I. Committee Reports (*reports reflecting dates only are on the consent agenda*):

- Parks & Recreation – Motion to allow the Parks & Recreation Committee to add 4 additional meetings to their schedule for 2020-2021 for Recreational Planning.

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould

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

- Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting: March 25, 2020 at the Drain Commissioners Office.

#### J. Public Comments

#### K. County Commissioner – Tony Sorensen (absent)

#### L. Announcements and Board Comment

- Township Board Budget Meeting on February 25, 2019 at 5 pm. (Supervisor Budget)
- Absentee Voter Applications are available online for the March 10 Presidential Primary. Stop by the Township Hall during office hours T-Th 9am-2pm, request an application contact Clerk Sara Burkholder at [clerk@piersontwp.org](mailto:clerk@piersontwp.org) or a link to the online version on the website: [www.piersontwp.org](http://www.piersontwp.org).

#### M. Adjournment: 8:12 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann

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