

Dear Friends of Pierson Township,

Thanks to all the folks who made it last week for summer tax payments! It was a busy couple of days! Deposits are going in this week. If you have questions, please email treasurer@piersontwp.org and Lydia will get back with you as soon as she can! Late summer taxes are able to be paid at the township offices until March 1st.

Planning Commission Meeting is tomorrow: Thursday, Sept 24 at 7 pm

See letter below from the Supervisor about the METC Transmission Line Project. A meeting will be held in Pierson Township at the WHITEFISH GOLF COURSE on Wednesday, October 7 from noon – 7 pm. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Oct Meetings:

Board Meeting: Monday, October 19 at 7 pm * Includes the second Public Hearing on the Special Assessment District for Emergency Services

Planning Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm

Rest of the Calendar Year Meetings are a little off routine due to hunting & holidays:

Board Meeting: November 9 (second Monday of month)

Planning Commission Meeting: December 3 (no November meeting- just one mid-meeting).

Board Meeting: Monday, December 14 (second Monday of month).

The 2027 schedule will be set at the December Board meeting.

Next Election is November 3, 2026. Ballots for those on the Permanent Ballot List will be going out by THIS WEEK! Watch for them early next week.

Those on the Permanent Absentee List were sent their application before the August Election for both elections. If you did not vote in August or selected both elections on your application, you are set for a ballot to be sent. If you did not complete/return the form, you may still submit the red application form or grab one online as a pdf or online. The online portal for voter information will be updated soon with the ballot, should you want to review, request and absentee ballot, or other voter information go to: [MVIC](#) (Michigan Voter Information Center) and find all the details.

Special Assessment District: We apologize for the confusion about the first mailer on the SAD. This was our first time with this type of project and we are learning as we go! We ask for some grace; but are always willing to chat during office hours if you have questions or by email.

The notice for the second Public Hearing is heading out by week end. **The Public Hearing for comments will be held at the Monday, October 19 meeting**, which starts at 7 pm. We also have a Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Tax-Exempt Request, at that meeting (it was not ready for the September meeting).

THIS SAD is intended to REPLACE THE MILLAGE that expires in 2028. This will allow us to collect the capital expenses for the South coverage with Sand Lake Fire Department. The SAD will be collected based on TAXABLE VALUE and not flat rate. The notice mailer coming will have the amount for each tax parcel on the bottom of the letter. The SAD documents are on the website on the Special Assessment page.

The SAD a winter tax bill item. Future years will have one public hearing to review costs for the second year; which will be lower than the first year of establishing the SAD; but will have any increases to budgets from the Fire Departments. A note to mention: Nelson Township is working with Village figures and needs some time to get the budget under their belt. We appreciate them taking on the operations portion!

If you are unable to attend, but want to make a comment about the Special Assessment District – you may email the [clerk](#) and the email will be shared with the Board and be considered part of the public hearing. Please include your full name and address as part of your comment. They will not be read at the hearing, but will be shared with the board and entered into the record of the public hearing.

We again thank Nelson/Sand Lake Fire Department and Howard City Fire Departments. We will continue to have coverage for EMS by Montcalm County, as well.

Copperton-Ludington Transmission Project

There is a lot of discussion right now about what this project may or may not mean for Pierson Township, including speculation about what may be driving it. At this point, I don't think it helps anyone for Township officials to add to that speculation.

What we do know is that METC is evaluating potential routes, several preliminary segments are shown in and around Pierson Township, and they are asking communities for input now. That is why we are encouraging residents to attend the listening sessions, ask questions, review the maps, and get information directly from the project team. Township officials will be doing the same.

Many residents recently received a mailer from METC/ITC regarding the proposed Copperton-Ludington transmission project. The project includes an approximately **159-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line** between Ludington and the Copperton area in Midland County.

The current maps show several **preliminary route segments in and around Pierson Township**. These are not final routes. METC is still evaluating the route network and is holding Community Listening Sessions so residents can review the maps, ask questions, and provide feedback directly to the project team.

We encourage residents to take advantage of that opportunity.

Two of the closest listening sessions listed in the mailer are:

- **October 7, 2026** — Whitefish Lake Golf Club — 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **October 15, 2026** — Peaks Event Center, Big Rapids — 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

These are open-house-style sessions, so residents can stop in during the scheduled hours, review the project information, ask questions, and speak directly with the METC project team.

Please refer to the mailer sent to Township residents for the full list of listening sessions and additional project information. The notice is also posted on the [Pierson Township website](#), and [METC's Project Site](#) includes an interactive map and additional project information.

As we learn more, we'll continue to share what we know.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please stop by the Township office during posted hours, contact a Board member, or attend an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for staying engaged in our community.

Sincerely,

Pierson Township Board

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Go to **www.piersontwp.org** for updates, contact information, agendas, and meeting schedules.

**** Please email Clerk@piersontwp.org if you no longer want to receive the Friends Emails.**