

February 5, 2026

Dear Pierson Township Friends and Residents,

It has been some time since our last update, and we appreciate your patience. Please know that your Board has remained actively engaged and focused on planning for continued fire and emergency services in our community.

We want to share an update regarding fire coverage in Pierson Township. After March 31, 2026, the Village of Sand Lake Fire Department will no longer provide coverage to the southern portion of the township. In response, the Boards of Pierson, Nelson, and Ensley Townships have been working collaboratively to establish a new Tri-County Fire and EMS Department. This is a complex effort with many moving parts, and steady progress is being made.

Currently, Montcalm County continues to provide EMS coverage to Pierson Township. EMS Truck 27 is stationed locally and funded through the voter-approved millage. While staffing remains limited, we are encouraged by recent community interest in Medical First Response training and are grateful to Mark McMullen and all those stepping forward to serve.

Fire protection for the northern half of the township continues through our contract with Howard City Fire Department. Howard City has also offered coverage for the entire township, providing an important interim option as longer-term solutions are developed.

As we move forward, we are also looking at practical ways residents can support safety at home—such as smoke detectors and CPR or First Aid training. If you have interest, resources, or ideas to share, we welcome hearing from you either at the office or via email: [clerk@piersontwp.org](mailto:clerk@piersontwp.org).

We are approaching this work thoughtfully and together, with the shared goal of keeping our community safe and well served.

Sincerely,  
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