

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2020

6:00 pm

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-15 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 Witmer’s Executive Order 2020-15 “I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until April 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm, 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 provided upon request).

In conjunction with Executive Order 2020-21 “In All in-person government activities at whatever level (state, county or local) that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, or to support those businesses and operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life, are suspended.”

I. Meeting:

- a. Call to order: 6:19 pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

Present: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder Video Present: Hyrns Voice Present: Scheuermann

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Gould

2nd: VanTil

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

III. Open Public Hearing/Comments

- a. Salary for Supervisor to be \$18,059.56
- b. Salary for Clerk to be ~~\$22,541.12~~^\$22,026.20
- c. Salary for Treasurer to be ~~\$22,541.12~~^\$22,026.20
- d. Salary for Trustees to be \$2,622.54
- e. Salary for Assessor to be \$32,445.00
- f. Salary for Zoning Administrator to be \$10,000

Meeting will be recorded.

- g. Salary for Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer to be at the hourly rate of \$15.45
- h. Cemetery Administrator to be \$1,545.00
- i. Village of Howard City Fire Contract \$24,895.92
- j. Village of Sand Lake Fire Contract \$41,460.00
- k. Road Fund \$25,000 Future Funds and \$27,000 to 2020-2021 projects.
- l. Building & Grounds Improvement Fund for Electric Sign Project \$20,000

IV. Approve General Appropriations Act Resolution 2020-06

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

Roll Call Aye: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder

Nay: 0 *Scheuermann call was dropped. No vote.*

V. Public Comments

O. Moore suggested the Board consider a prefab building/shed for the Township Hall storage of chairs & tables for the hall.

VI. Board Comments

Treasurer suggested that Hall Rentals be cancelled pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders. Clerk will make calls for future rentals as more information or dates are available.

Clerk suggested consideration of a once a month deep cleaning for the Hall.

VII. Adjournment: 6:43 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder

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