

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019
7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:08 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation: Pastor Ross Merlington
4. Roll Call

Present: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann Absent: Hyrns

B. Approved Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

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

C. Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann

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

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurers Report

E. Correspondence

- Email from Buyze regarding larceny at Big Whitefish Lake Boat Launch/Winslow Park.
- Montcalm Charter MTA meeting October 8, 2019
- MTA On the Road & MTA Defining Your Township's Land Use/Strategic Planning for Townships/Making Meetings Work meetings offered.

F. Public Comments (*brief*)

G. New Business:

1. Public hearing Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment District List of Parcels for 2019 Special Assessment District. Open floor: 7:16 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

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

Leo Weber of 4721 White Rd., expressed his concerns with Camp Thunderhawk assessment on their two parcels, considering they have a business that benefits from the weed control, but feels they are not putting

in a fair share. They have 46 extra units that are hooked up to sewer and docks in the lake and enjoying the lake; they are weekly/regularly using the lake but not being assessed.

It was explained how the parcels in the special assessment district were determined.

Brent Boden of 4627 N White Rd., agreed with Leo's concerns with Camp Thunderhawk but the sites or lots would be hard to parcel out. Mr. Weber requested that for the next special assessment to see if there was a way to more accurately assess this property to be fair to everyone.

William Grice of 22755 Lake Dr., Inquired if the Calvin College Little Whitefish parcel was sold to a developer. Clerk was only aware that there was a new owner.

Mark Reinhart of 22779 Lake Dr., thanked the Board, especially Clerk Sara Burkholder and Carl Schuitema, Assessor for the dedication and assistance in getting this special assessment completed accurately and smoothly.

Close the Floor: 7:26 pm

Motion to close the floor: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

2. Public Hearing for Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment for Weed Control for 2020 through and including 2024.

Open Floor: 7:27 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

William Poisson of 1855 Lake Dr (BWL) asked if Montcalm County was involved in this [special assessment] and if there was a special account for the Assessment funds. It was explained that the special assessment is handled directly through the township office.

Close the Floor: 7:29 pm

Motion to close the floor: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

3. Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment Resolution No. 4: 2019-19

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

4. Approve audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

5. Pierson Township Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Township Hall. Rental fees waived for Community Events lead by the Board.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

6. Motion to purchase 2 computers for the Zoning Administrator and Supervisor to replace old township equipment including installation and software not to exceed budget.

Motion: VanTil

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

7. Motion to attend two day MTA Conference on November 19-20.

Motion: VanTil

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

H. Open Items:

1. Dispute Update: Little Whitefish Lake Association
2. Planning Commission: Master Plan

Ratify motion made September 10, 2019 setting schedule of meeting dates to be September 5, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 and December 5 & 19, 2019.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

Ratify motion made September 10, 2019 appointing Orvin Moore and Lisa Vargaz-Elburn as temporary members to the Planning Commission for Master Planning, to attend meetings at the standard meeting rate of \$30 and hourly salary at \$15 per hour plus reimbursement of expenses for work on the Master Plan.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

[Appoint] Clerk Sara Burkholder to join as a temporary member of the Planning Commission for Master Planning and approve timesheet from September.

Motion: Gould

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

3. Jay Bassett Land Donation
4. Fence Removal at Winslow Park
5. Zoning Concerns

I. Committee Reports:

- Planning Committee: October 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
 - Master Plan Meetings: October 3 & 17 at 6 pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Sewer Advisory Committee –Sandy Raines to schedule.
- Montcalm County Commissioners Meeting: October 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm
- Solid Waste Committee – No meeting scheduled.
- Road Committee – Scheuermann Road Report. Next meeting: October 16, 2019 at 7 pm.
- County Commissioner – Tom Porter
- Election Committee:

- Presidential Primary will be March 10, 2020 and State Primary on August 4, 2020, Presidential Election November 5, 2020. *Additional election information may be added.*
- Board of Reviews: December 10, 2019 from 2-3 pm
- Parks & Recreation Meeting –Now meeting quarterly: October 10, 2019 at 5 pm

J. Public Comments

K. Announcements and Board Comments

- Pierson Township Farmers Market at Pierson Township has finished for the season. Looking forward to a full season next year.
- Montcalm Solid Waste Committee is offering a one day event on **Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Montcalm County Road Commission office for household hazardous waste, tire and electronic collection. Full list of items accepted and conditions on the Pierson Township website: www.piersontwp.org

L. Adjournment: 7:57 pm