

The Pierson Township News

WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due and payable without interest (including deferred parcels) until Wed., Feb. 14, 2024.

On March 1, delinquent taxes are turned over to the County and CANNOT be paid at the Township.

If taxes are paid via mortgage escrow, please contact the Treasurer's office to verify for billing purposes. Mortgage escrows can include financing, refinancing, or if you have recently paid off an existing mortgage loan.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- * **Treasurers office (cash, checks, money orders, credit cards and e-checks)**
- * **Mail** (please mail early, postmarks are NOT accepted).
- * **Dropbox**
- * **Online** via link at www.piersontwp.org/tax-information
- * **Independent Bank** in Howard City or Sand Lake (you MUST bring entire tax bill and make checks/money orders payable to Pierson Township).

Checks/Money orders should always be payable to Pierson Township Treasurer.

Credit card & e-check payments include a processing fee.

** If you would like a receipt, please complete the back of the tax bill. **

Delinquent Taxes: Frequently Asked Questions

When are taxes considered delinquent?

County Treasurer JoAnne Vukin will be holding a hearing on Jan 31, 2024 for the delinquent 2021 taxes, in the Commissioners Room, in Stanton.

Can I come ask for more time?

The hearing is where people, who may not be able to pay those delinquent taxes, can come and ask for more time. Treasurer cannot forgive the delinquent taxes, but does have the ability to extend the deadline to pay before foreclosure.

When do the 2021 taxes go to the judge?

In Feb of 2024 there is the Foreclosure Hearing before the circuit court judge. You can petition to court to withhold the taxes from foreclosure.

What is the last day to redeem 2021 taxes?

The judge will sign the Foreclosure order in February 2024, but people still can redeem the 2021 taxes until March 31, 2024 at the County Treasurer's office.

When are rights to property lost, for failure to pay 2021 taxes?

April 1, 2024

CLERK'S OFFICE

2024 Will be a BUSY Election Year!

Presidential Primary will likely be Feb. 27. Snowbirds on the Absentee Voter List MUST be sure the clerk's office has updated mailing information * **Ballots will be mailed to address on file and WILL NOT FORWARD.**

Please be sure the clerk has a current phone & email on file. If unsure, please email updates on status. We'd rather hear from you than be unable to deliver or contact!

CLERK: SARA BURKHOLDER
616-636-8570 ext. 206
clerk@piersontwp.org
Notary services by appointment

DEPUTY CLERK & CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR: GINNY PENNINGTON
616-636-8570 ext. 207
depclerk@piersontwp.org
Emails are checked outside of office hours, not the phone. Please email for a quick response.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday
9a - 4 pm

Election Hours will be posted online as dates get closer.

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Questions?
Call JoAnne Vukin 989-831-7334

ZONING & ASSESSING

ASSESSOR: JANE KOLBE
Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm
616-636-8570 ext. 202
assessor@piersontwp.org
Other times by appointment:
616-326-1590

SUPERVISOR: DAN BUYZE
616-636-8570 ext. 205
supervisor@piersontwp.org
Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm
& by appointment

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: LANCE GATES
Tues/Thurs afternoons by appoint.
616-636-8570 ext 204
zoning@piersontwp.org

Planning Commission Meetings are scheduled monthly but are only held if there are agenda items.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

TREASURER: LYDIA ORCUTT
616-636-8570 ext. 200
treasurer@piersontwp.org

DEPUTY TREASURER: TAMI PIATT
616-636-8570 ext. 201
deptreasurer@piersontwp.org



Pierson Township Community Park

It has been a busy second year! We have had 5 additional pieces added to the park, as well as the Pickleball Courts, and awaiting the completion of the Pavilion. Thank you to all our sponsors and donations from friends. Big thanks to Jay & Diane Bassett for their generous Pavilion and tables donations!

A DNR Spark grant was submitted for a basketball court, and sadly, were not selected. We did receive a \$1,500 Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund Grant for a picnic table for the Pickleball Area in 2024. The Parks & Rec Committee will be working on ideas for additions and will continue to fundraise to make our little park something we can be proud to have in our township.



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Township Communications

Would you be interested in Text Communications?

The Township is looking into a text program "TextMyGov" where residents or guests may receive text updates about the township, taxes, elections, road conditions, emergencies, etc. Users simply select which or all messages to receive.

Do you think this would be a benefit? Check box on tax bill!

*Phones must have texting capabilities.

Information is currently available on Facebook, Township website and via a "Pierson Friends Email" once or twice a month. Have you signed up for email communications yet? Click Subscribe online to add your name to the list.

Pierson publishes notices & meeting synopsis in the Greenville Daily News. Paper copies are available at the Pierson Trading Post or subscribe online. Accessible online for free at: <https://thedailynews.cc/michigan-public-notice/> Simply Select "Montcalm" in county search and scroll through listings.

HALL RENTALS

CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

2023 RATES: \$50 DEPOSIT
\$75 Resident/\$100 Non-resident
&

2 hr meeting blocks available.

See application online for full rate details, the online calendar shows if dates are available, but confirm with the Clerk's office. Check the website for photos and application.

New Rates & Forms coming for Hall & Pavilion Rentals
April 1, 2024.

Schedule for Remainder of 2023:

- Dec. 1 Winter Tax Bills
- Dec 2 Sat. Holiday Event 11 - 5 p
- Dec 7 PAINT FOR PARKS! @ 6:30 p
- Dec. 18 @ 7pm Township Board Mtg
- Dec. 22 @ 7pm Planning Mtg
- Offices Closed Dec 25-Jan 2, 2024
- (Treasurer's office open Dec 27 9-4 p)

Check the website for the schedules of 2024 meetings!
www.piersontwp.org

- ♦ **Wed., Feb 14 Last day to pay taxes WITHOUT PENALTY (9 am - 5 pm).**
- ♦ **Thurs., Feb 29 Last day to pay taxes AT THE TOWNSHIP (9 am - 5 pm)**

Township, Road Committee, Planning Commission, and Parks & Recreation Meeting dates will be posted on the Township doors and the website. Agendas are also posted.



Are you part of the Big & Little Whitefish Sewer System?

BILLING DATES:
April and October

Those with Special Assessment Charges from initial connection: July

When selling your property, be sure to notify your title company or attorney so that the sewer bills are included in closing costs.

FV&O service calls will be handled in a timely manner during regular business hours:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday.
(616) 874-8866.

Pierson Township
616-636-8570
Clerk for billing;
Treasurer for payments.



First Saturday after Memorial & Labor Days!
Next Clean Up Day:
June 1, 2024

If you are not getting the Pierson rates, call the local number:
616-636-4096



PIERSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:



1 Cart & 2 bags per week
\$11.60 per month

1 package of
10 Blue Bags \$26.25

10 bags brought to the landfill per month: FREE!

Unlimited FREE Recycling & Yard Waste once a week!

Jan 2024 Rates