PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339
October 19, 2026
7:00 pm

A. Meeting
   1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
   2. Pledge of Allegiance
   3. Roll Call Present: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

B. Meeting Agenda, as amended.
   Motion: Sower Second: Orcutt Aye: all

C. Consent Agenda: Approval of Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting on September 21, 2026; Election Commission Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2026; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated September 15–October 14, 2026; Check register: September 1-30, 2026; Invoices from Gen Fund: Daily News year subscription renewal $179.55 101-101-821.000; 16008 MML $225.00 101-268-955.000 Workers Comp Dues; 2243 Fresh Coast $259.69 101-101-821.000 PC Mtg attendance (retainer); 409785 View Newspaper $173.25 101-101-900.001 Synopsis Publishing; 954131 Foster Swift $3,472.84 101-101-803.001 Kropf/Rowland Appeal; 954130 Foster Swift $62.00 101-101-803.000 Moratorium/PC; 171974 BS&A $1,078.00 101-253-810.000 Tax program support fee; 161 Creekside Computer Services $201.50 101-702-812.000 ZA Computer power supply; Fire Fund: 409785 View Newspaper $510.40 206-336-900.002 SAD Publishing; 954130 Foster Swift $1,402.50 206-336-803.002 SAD 2 & 3; 251055 KCI $1,435.04 206-336-818.012 SAD Print No. 3 & postage; Treasurer's Report; Correspondence; Assessor's report; Howard City & Sand Lake Fire Department Reports; Sewer Fund Check register for September 1-31, 2026 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: September 15–October 14, 2026; Payable from the BWL/LWL Sewer Accounts: 6J00401 Trace $144.15 50/50.

   All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved under one blanket motion.
   Motion: Burkholder Second: Sower Aye: all

D. Public Comments: Robert DeYoung asked about vacant parcels in the SAD (restated in Public Hearing); Jan Cornelius asked why the Fire Millage could not be used for capital; asked about the Building Dept Review, and if there was a response from Supervisor to ITC regarding the High Voltage Power lines.

E. New Business:
   1. Open Public Hearing for Emergency Services Special Assessment: 7:09 pm
      Motion: Orcutt Second: Bergman Aye: all

   Robert DeYoung of 2970 Shorecrest Dr, Pierson asked if vacant parcels with no address were exempt from the tax.

   Dave Callendar of 22263 Wood Lake Rd, Pierson: You hired Sand Lake FD to cover the south side, I don't understand why we are paying them more than HC already and now you want another $48 per parcel for fire protection? Asked if seasonal people were included in that $48.

   Letters submitted from Deb Fountain Becker and Gary Becker of 23188 Kendaville Rd, as well as, Dolores (Dee) Becker of 4790 White Rd, Pierson.

   Close PH and resume regular meeting: 7:12 pm
   Motion: Bergman Second: Sower Aye: all

2. Resolution 2026-16 Emergency Services Special Assessment District Resolution #4: Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll
   Offered by: Burkholder — Yeas: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower
   Second by: Orcutt — Nays: none

3. PA 198 Public Hearings (Industrial Development District and PA 198 Exemption Request) for November 9 meeting if posting schedule allows, if not, scheduled for December 14 Board Meeting.
   Motion: Burkholder Second: Sower Aye: all

4. ACH Fee for Direct Deposit and HSA payroll transactions, provided it is still a savings to the township.
   Motion: Burkholder Second: Sower Aye: all

5. Table Township Hall & office cleaning (December 2026 end). Thank you to Ed and staff at Superior Janitorial Services for 9 years of service!

6. Planning Commission /Zoning Ordinances
   i. **2026-02 Z**: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
      Offered by: Burkholder — Second by: Sower
      Aye: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower — Nay: None
      Abstain/Absent: None
   ii. **2026-03 Z:** Prohibition of Marihuana Facilities
      Offered by: Burkholder — Second by: Sower
      Aye: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower — Nay: None
   iii. **2026-04 Z:** Agricultural Event Barns
      Offered by: Burkholder — Second by: Sower
      Aye: Maioho, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower — Nay: Bergman
      Abstain/Absent: None
   iv. **2026-05 Z**: Repeal ZO for Regulating the Accumulation of Trash, Litter or Junk
      Offered by: Burkholder — Second: Sower
      Aye: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower — Nay: None
      Abstain/Absent: None

F. Open Items

1. Table for more information: Great Lakes Energy Franchise Ordinance (was tabled February 20, 2023 for legal recommendation).

2. Road Committee Policy Amendment changing frequency to: meet three times for regular committee meetings per year.
   Motion: Bergman — Second: Orcutt
   Aye: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

3. Building Department (BSA) Review: [Treasurer to receive] $420 for past 21 hours of non-statutory work and $160 for the next 6 months per month under Zoning Dept with a fiscal year review of the BSA-Building Department.
   Motion: Orcutt — Aye: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower
   Second: Sower

4. Committee Updates:
   b. **Road Committee** – no meeting scheduled
   c. **Planning Commission**: Next Meeting: October 22, 2026 at 7 pm
      Note: No November meeting; December 3 will be the final PC meeting of 2026.

   d. **Parks & Recreation**: Meeting TBD
      i. Banners are down for season – thank you to the Park Sponsors!
      ii. Holiday Event – Saturday, December 5 from 10-3 pm
   e. **Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)-** Meeting Tues, October 27 at 4 pm.
      i. Survey, fence & signage for treatment site

G. Public Comments:
Norm Hawkins asked where the $90 K per year was from the Fire Millage (this broke protocol and was answered: Fire Millage is for the current year fire services: HCFD North (full year) and South coverage during uncontracted time from SLFD and full SLFD $60 K contract for 2026-27).
Michael Julien shared that it should be easy to identify rental properties (in respect to ADU & Short-Term Rental); Jan Cornielius asked for name plates for PC members and attorney/planner; asked for microphone(s) for meetings; she would also like to see notices of position openings in more than Daily News, Facebook, Friends or website. Additionally, she would like meetings to be available on zoom or you-tube.

H. County Commissioner – Nate Alexander (absent)

I. Announcements and Board Comments:
Supervisor Maioho shared his experience attending the October 7, 2026, ITC listening session and summarized the feedback he provided. He expressed his opposition to a proposed transmission line route through Pierson Township, citing concerns about preserving the Township's rural character, impacts on property owners, and the importance of selecting the shortest, most practical, and cost-effective route. He encouraged residents to stay informed, review the available information, voice their concerns, and contact their local, state, and federal representatives.

As a reminder, the Township does not do business on social media. Please attend meetings or reach out to a Board member with questions and concerns! Phone and emails are listed on the office doors and the website: www.piersontwp.org

J. Adjournment: 8:37 pm
Motion: Bergman Second: Sower Aye: All