

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP
MONTCALM COUNTY**

EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12 ^ AS AMENDED BY MOTION 09/21/2026

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS;
TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS;
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339, on the 17 day of August 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Burkholder and seconded by Orcutt.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, MCL 41.801 *et seq*, and Act 368 of 1978, as amended, being MCL 333.20948, the Township may defray the cost of providing emergency services, including fire service, ambulance service, and police protection through a special assessment, which assessment is to be spread by flat rate or other calculated method of the parcels in the district; and

WHEREAS, the Township currently receives fire protection and emergency services from the Nelson Township Fire Department (also known as the Sand Lake Fire Department) and the Howard City Fire Department, as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to defray the costs of providing fire services, emergency services, and police protection, including the costs and expenses of fire and emergency service motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing, operations, and protection services, during the term of the special assessment and defray the costs therefore through a special assessment under Act 33 of 1951 and Act 368 of 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that initiating proceedings to establish such a special assessment district is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Board determines to defray the costs, in whole or in part, by special assessment for providing fire protection and emergency services, including the costs and expenses of fire and emergency service motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing, operations, and protection services, and other services provided to the Township by the Nelson Township Fire Department (also known as the Sand Lake Fire Department) and the Howard City Fire Department.

2. The Township Board tentatively designates the Emergency Services Special Assessment Districts:

- a. Pierson Township Emergency Services District North (the “**North District**”), consisting of the real property parcels within the area described in Exhibit A attached hereto.
- b. Pierson Township Emergency Services District South (the “**South District**”), consisting of the real property parcels within the area described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

3. The cost will be spread by flat rate or other calculated method of the parcels in the Districts, except those that are exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act.

4. The Township estimates that the cost of emergency services (including the costs and expenses of fire and emergency service motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing, operations, and protection services, and other services) within each district will equate to the following annual special assessments:

a. North District: estimated ~~\$14.87~~ ^ **\$36.27** per parcel (or desired calculation method) per year, estimated to generate \$38,305 in the first year.

b. South District: estimated ~~\$42.17~~ ^ **\$79.12** per parcel (or desired calculation method) per year, estimated to generate \$108,630 in the first year.

5. The Township tentatively proposes that the Districts remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. The Township will annually determine the amount to be assessed in the Districts and hold a public hearing in the manner required by Act 33.

6. The Township Board will hold a public hearing on **September 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm.** at the Township Hall to hear and consider objections to the creation of the Districts and the estimated costs for creating the SAD's and providing emergency services.

7. The Township Board directs the Township Clerk to publish in a newspaper of general circulation (The Greenville Daily News) in the Township notice of the time, date and purpose of the hearing at least 5 days before the date of the hearing in the form substantially similar to **Exhibit B**, attached to this Resolution. Notice of the hearing is not required to be mailed pursuant to Act 33, but may be mailed if the Township Clerk determines that mailing notice to each record owner of property is necessary or warranted in her sole discretion.

8. Following the public hearing, the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, estimate of cost, or boundaries of the special assessment district.

9. Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed, but only to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
COUNTY OF MONTCALM)

I, Sara Burkholder, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Township of Pierson, Montcalm County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August 2026, at 7:00 p.m.



Sara Burkholder, Township Clerk

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EXHIBIT B

PIERSON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Pierson, Montcalm County, Michigan, has determined to proceed with creating special assessment districts to defray, in whole or part, the costs of emergency services, including fire service, ambulance service, and police protection, including the associated costs of motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing, operations, and protection services. (Pierson Township Emergency Services District North and Pierson Township Emergency Services District South).

The Township Board has tentatively determined that these costs will be specially assessed by flat rate or other calculated method of all real property within each respective district, except property that is exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act, for a period of five (5) years. The proposed assessment **^flat** rate for the **North District is an estimated \$~~14.87~~ ^\$36.27 per parcel**, and the proposed assessment rate for the **South District is an estimated \$~~42.17~~ ^\$79.12 per parcel** for the first year.

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES, THIS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WOULD NOT APPLY TO YOU.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan will be holding a meeting on **September 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm** at the Township Hall, 21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing to hear and consider any objections to the proposed special assessment, the districts and all other matters relating to the Pierson Township Emergency Services District North and Pierson Township Emergency Services District South and to consider any business to come before the Township Board as permitted by law. Property will not be added to the proposed special assessment district without further notice and public hearing.

Dated: August 17, 2026

By: Sara Burkholder, Clerk
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Pierson, MI 49339
Clerk@PiersonTwp.org
616-636-8570

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the meeting should notify Pierson Township Clerk, Sara Burkholder at 616-636-8570 within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.