

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes ^as Amended

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

July 21, 2025

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

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

B. Meeting Agenda

Motion: Bergman

Second: Sower

Aye: all

- C. Consent Agenda: Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2025; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated June 11 – July 16, 2025: Budget amendment to Increase Cemetery maintenance 101-567-930.000 by \$3,593 for Spiket Repairs paid last month; Check register: June 1-30, 2025, Paid from the Gen Fund: Bloom & Sluggett Inv 26799 for \$618.00 (General Legal – re: Foia's), Bloom & Sluggett Inv 26798 for \$510.00 (Zoning Legal); Park Fund: A-1 Irrigation, Inc. Inv 2841 *\$4350.50 Balance of irrigation; Ark's Electric Inv 22835 *\$449.50 (A1 to pay/took off invoice); Ark's Electric Inv 22835 for \$4,450 for Grant Project – Park Lights; Road Fund: Road Commission Inv. 1671 for \$10,109.14 (2nd Chloride Treatment); BWL Weed Fund: PLM Lake & Land Management Inv M100602 for \$15,212.56 (Weed Treatments); Treasurer's Report; Correspondence; Assessor Activity Report; Villages of Howard City & Sand Lake Fire Reports; Sewer: Check register for June 1-30, 2025 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: June 11- July 16, 2025; Sewer Funds: F&V Operations Inv. 8527 for \$8,383.55 (BWL/LWL & Treatment Site); Robinson Septic Cleaning Inv. 23037 for \$2,520.00 (Clean South Treatment site)

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

E. New Business:

1. Close meeting for Public Hearing Big Whitefish Weed Assessment: 7:04 pm

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

Public Comments: none.

Close public hearing and resume Board Meeting: 7:05 pm

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

2. Resolution 2025-13 Big Whitefish Weed Assessment #4

Offered by: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

Nay/Absent: none

3. Resolution 2025-14 Establish a Township Improvement Revolving Fund (PA 188 of 1954)

Offered by: Burkholder

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all

Nay/Absent: none

4. Township contribution to the West Hillis Road Improvement Project shall be no higher than \$50,000.

Motion: Bergman

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all

5. Resolution 2025-15 West Hillis Road Improvement Special Assessment District ^ as amended

Offered by: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

Nay/Absent: none

Pierson Township meetings may be recorded.

6. Lindy Sue Lane Seal Coat Project Bid (to be paid by association).
Motion: Burkholder Second: Bergman Aye: all
7. Sanitary Sewer System Franchise Agreement with the Village of Pierson.
Motion: Bergman Second: Orcutt
Aye: Buyze, Bergman, Orcutt, Sower Abstain: Burkholder
8. Supervisor Applications accepted until August 4 (interviews to be scheduled).
9. Thunder Acres Highlands Event Parking complaint – reach out to Calderone’s to discuss.

F. Open Items:

1. Township Fire meeting update.
 - a. Pierson Township Board Rep in addition to Twp Supervisor to be Jason Bergman for Fire Committee.

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all
2. Consumers Energy Grant for Trees with Dagget Flats. (Sable install all) (no update).
3. Bids & Quotes policy review- tabled
4. Committee Updates:
 - a. Road Committee
 - i. Road Policy – continue discussion / decision – meeting date T.B.D.
 - b. Planning Commission: **Next Meeting: July 24 at 7 pm**
 - i. Master Plan Public Hearing
 - c. Parks & Recreation: **Next meeting: August 4 at 6 pm**
 - i. Montessori Trail Bid from Heckman & Sons Lawn Care for \$1,500.

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Bergman

Aye: all
 - ii. Irrigation Update - complete
 - iii. Lighting & Cameras Project Update – lights are installed.
 - iv. Devin Uplinger, new P&R member
 - d. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)- next meeting: July 22, 2025
 - i. Twp responsibilities
 - ii. Authorize BWL South Site Repairs (initial) \$100K to keep site working and begin project rebuild.

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Orcutt

Abstain: Bergman

Aye: Buyze, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower
 - iii. Begin bidding for North Site improvements and look for financial aid/grants that may be available.

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Sower

Aye: all

G. Public Comments

H. County Commissioner – Nate Alexander/present

I. Announcements and Board Comments

J. Adjournment: 8:22 pm

Motion: Sower Second: Orcutt Aye: all