

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020**

7:00 pm VIA Zoom & at Township Hall

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 to address meetings of public bodies, such as township boards, village councils, county boards of commissioners, etc., required under the Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), MCL 15.261 et seq., in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 "I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until 28 days after any state of emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent that the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.272 ("OMA") requires that a meeting of a public body be held in a physical place available to the general public or requires the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, strict compliance with section 3 of the OMA, MCL 15.263, is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical presence requirements, as follows:

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means." (full verbiage is posted on the township website or upon request).

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann Absent: Gould, Hyrns

B. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Pierson Township Board Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2020, Pierson Township Special Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2020, Budget Amendment JE 1059 on 9/8/2020 \$94.00 from Contingency to Zoning Conference/Training costs; Register of Warrants/Checks dated **August 18 – Sept 15, 2020**; Correspondence, Assessor Report, Zoning Report, Village of Sand Lake and Village of Howard City Fire Reports, BWL/LWL Sewer Report, and the Right Place Monthly Report.**

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: VanTil Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

- E. Public Comments: Pierson Township residents only (stand, state name address and a Board member will call on you, 3 minute maximum). (Relating this agenda only.)**

F. New Business:

- a. Proceed with Resolution 2020-08.

Motion: Schueremann

2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

- b. Adopt Resolution 2020-08 to authorize Montcalm County through its Drain Commissioner and Pierson Township to begin the preparation of the documents necessary to refinance the Little Whitefish Lake Sanitary Sewer System 1997 and 2003 Bonds.

Aye: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

Absent: Gould, Hyrns

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- c. Designated Assessor: County will be holding a meeting allowing Townships [Supervisors] to vote on a County Designated Assessor for Local Township's Audit. Meeting is October 7 at 5:30 pm at the Montcalm County Courthouse in Stanton.

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G. Open Items

- i. Approve proposal from Sprick Heating & Cooling Proposal #1 Low Temp Option for \$3,583.00 to replace the Deputy Clerk's office split and yearly maintenance of \$225 (current units may require corrective action/cost [maintenance]).
Motion: VanTil
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
- ii. Dispute Update: Big Whitefish & Little Whitefish Lake Association – no change
- iii. Winslow Park Update: boulders have been moved and fence has been installed.
 1. Have surveyor remove wooden post and replace with a steel rod marker cemented below the surface.
Motion: Scheuermann
2nd: Burkholder Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
- iv. Ordinances: No change
 1. Wind Ordinance
 2. Noise
- v. Jay Bassett Land Donation - no change
- vi. Zoning Administrator Update: no new applicants; ZBA Meeting October 5; Planning Commission on Oct 15 public hearing, to be published.
- vii. Committee Updates:
 - i. **Community & Economic Growth** (Buyze Update)
 1. Fall Festival – Food Drive (outdoor) to be held on Friday, October 23 (rain date Oct 30) at the Pierson Township hall [donations] from 5:30 – 7pm.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
 2. Dora Schroeder to be member of the Community & Economic Growth Committee.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
 3. Create email for committee projects: PiersonCommunity@gmail.com
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
 4. Committee members allowed to bring in yard waste [for compost] to the community garden.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
 5. Kristy Lecceadone to be a member of the Community & Economic Growth Committee.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: Schueremann Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None
 - ii. Parks & Recreation (Burkholder Update)
 1. Resignation of Bill Grice from committee
 2. Increase number of Parks & Rec committee members to 6 persons, and approve Dora Schroeder, Don Knottnerus and Kristy Lecceadone to the committee.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

H. Public Comments

I. County Commissioner – Tony Sorensen absent

J. Announcements and Board Comments

K. Adjournment: 8:06 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann

Roll Call Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann No: None

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