

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes ^ Corrected**  
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339  
March 16, 2021  
7:00 pm

The Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act 254 of 2020, extended the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021. This meeting will be held both, in person and via zoom.

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:01 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:

Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice

Zoom: Hyrns (Pierson Twp)

B. Approve Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns

- C. Approve Consent Agenda: Pierson Township Board Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2021 with correction, Pierson Township Special Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2021, Budget amendment to create GL 101-751-920.000 for Winslow Light and move \$103.63 from Contingency 101-900-900.001, Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated February 3, 2021 – March 15, 2021, Check register: February 1-28, 2021, Invoices to be paid from the General Fund: Consumers Energy Feb 2021 Invoice for Winslow LED for \$93.63 from 101-751-920.000, Point Broadband/Casair^Casair Inv 645703 for \$142.08 from 101-265-925.000, Bloom Sluggett, PC Inv. 21355 for \$334.50 from 101-101-803.000, Integrity Business Solutions Inv. 2188830-0 for \$311.77 (w/cr) from 101-253-727.000, Correspondence, Assessor's February Activity Report, Zoning Report, Villages of Sand Lake and Howard City Fire Reports and BWL/LWL Sewer reports for January and February.

*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: Bergman

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns

D. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Grice                              2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns

E. Correspondence:

1. Jack & Karen Bileth Private Road Agreement

F. Public Comments

G. New Business:

1. Village of **Howard City Fire Contract** for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$25,294.33 payable monthly and Budget Amendment from Contingency 101-900-900.001 to 101-336-819.005 in the amount of \$33.20 to account for the new contract pricing.

Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      Abstain: Bergman

2. Village of **Sand Lake Fire Contract** for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$43,947.60 payable quarterly.

Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      Abstain: Bergman

*Pierson Township meetings are being recorded.*



3. Sewer Management
  - a. Treasurer to open accounts for management of the Sewer Systems for Big & Little Whitefish Lake.  
 Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Grice  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
  - b. Township is in the process of taking over the management with an approximate date of April 10, 2021 (MissDig Account, MiWaters, Insurance, etc.) from County Drain Commission.  
 Motion: Buyze                                      2nd: Grice  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
  - c. Purchase the Utility Billing BS&A program for \$11,950 to be reimbursed by the Big and Little Whitefish Sewer customers.  
 Motion: Buyze                                      2nd: Burkholder  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
4. Purchase Building Department BS&A Software not to exceed \$16,000 from the general fund.  
 Motion: Grice                                      2nd: Buyze  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
5. 2021-22 Budget
  - a. Township Gardening Proposal – tabled
  - b. Heckman & Son Lawn Care contract for 2021 Season (lawn) for \$4,800.00 with a Winslow Park mowing contract with seasonal rate of \$450.  
 Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Buyze  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
  - c. Carpet quotes (updated/Buyze) - tabled
  - d. Purchase Storage Shed for Township Hall not to exceed \$5,000 to come from the Building & Grounds Improvement Fund.  
 Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Buyze  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None
  - e. Stove Survey (Burkholder) (Arks install \$585) – tabled
  - f. Sidewalk Repairs (Bergman) – awaiting quote
  - g. Newsletter quote comparison (Hyrns) and motion to approve township newsletters to be printed in color.  
 Motion: Bergman                                      2nd: Burkholder  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder                                      No: Grice, Hyrns
  - h. Projector (Burkholder)
  - i. Server/IT Proposal for Monitors/Microphones (Burkholder)
    1. Floyd to quote for upgrades/discuss contract with Supervisor
6. State Chart of Accounts – no change
7. Jay Bassett Update: Land Value
8. Policy Manual – tabled
- I. Public Comments
- J. County Commissioner – Brandon Stowell - absent
- K. Announcements and Board Comments
- L. Adjournment: 9:06 pm  
 Motion: Buyze                                      2nd: Burkholder  
 Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns                      No: None