

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

December 30, 2025

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. Special Meeting Agenda

Motion: Sower Second: Orcutt Aye: all

C. Public Comments

D. Discussion Items:

1. Fire Board Discussion

a: Pierson Twp Board to appoint 2 representatives: Patrick [Maioho] and Sara [Burkholder] and an myself [Jason Bergman] as an alternative to a joint fire board [Committee] with Ensley Twp and Nelson Twp.

Motion: Bergman Second: Burkholder Aye: all

b. Recommend that Pierson Township work in conjunction with Ensley Township and Nelson Township to gather information and evaluate options to develop community-based fire and emergency services.

Motion: Burkholder Second: Bergman Aye: all

E. Many residents of Pierson, Ensley, Nelson and the Village of Sand Lake were in attendance – public comments and concerns about the December 16, 2025 correspondence from the Village of Sand Lake [intent to terminate the fire and emergency contracted services as of March 31, 2025]; concerns about fire capital; mutual aid; coverage areas for Villages of Howard City and Sand Lake; direction of the Fire Board/Committee and the need for coverage for Nelson (including Sand Lake Village), Ensley and Pierson township residents.

Nikolai Zerkle was in attendance on behalf of State Representative Pat Outman. He offered their offices' assistance where/when/if possible.

Supervisor Maioho reminded guests that the township does not do business on social media. Township officials are available for questions from the community.

F. Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Motion: Sower Second: Orcutt Aye: all