

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

April 20, 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 April 30, 2021, by Montcalm County Resolution 2021-02. This meeting will be held both, in person and via zoom.

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:

Present: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice

Zoom: Hyrns, Pierson Township

B. Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Buyze Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- C. Consent Agenda: Pierson Township Board Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2021 with correction; Pierson Township Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2021; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated March 16, 2021 – April 20, 2021, Check register: March 1 - 30, 2021; Invoices to be paid from the General Fund: Bloom Sluggett Inv. 21438 for March legal services for \$273.50 from GL: 101-101-803.000; BS&A Inv. 133803 for BD Software for \$5,525.00; BS&A Inv. 133804 for UB Software for \$2,975.00; BWL/LWL Sewer Invoices to be paid for Closing of LWL Bond Refinance from Project Fund: Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors Inv. BTMA9494 \$15,400.00 (includes MAC fee); Miller Canfiled Inv. to follow for \$12,000; Michigan Dept of Treasury Filing Fee for \$177.80 as Chk 272; Correspondence; Assessors March Activity Report, March Zoning Report, Villages of Sand Lake and Howard City Fire Reports; BWL/LWL March Sewer 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: Bergman Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurer’s Report

Motion: Grice

2nd: Bergman Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

E. Committee Updates:

- a. Planning Commission Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7 pm at the Pierson Township Hall.
- b. Community & Economic Growth – Community Clean-Up Project April 17 – April 30

F. Public Comments

G. New Business:

- A. Road Millage: tabled for more information on a possible County Road Millage.
- B. Burnham & Flower Insurance Policy Renewal Standard Policy for 2021 [in the amount of \$4,742.00] and revisit the additional riders [Cyber/Terrorism} after [IT] proposal.

Motion: Buyze

2nd: Bergman Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

Pierson Township meetings are being recorded.

C. Discontinue Zoom services and return to in-person meetings [for all committees and Board].

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Bergman

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice

No: Hyrns

H. Open Items:

1. Bond Refinance:

- a. Rescind that part of the motion made on March 30, 2021 to wire funds in the amount of \$23,996.56 for the payment to USDA to be reimbursed from funds once accounts have been transferred from the County to the Township.

Motion: Buyze

2nd: Burkholder

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

No: None

- b. Authorize the use of funds in the amount of \$23,996.56 to be used to pay costs of issuance of the Township's 2021 Capital Improvement Bonds to be used to reimbursed from funds once accounts have been transferred from the County to the Township.

Motion: Buyze

2nd: Burkholder

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

No: None

2. Sewer Management

- a. Awaiting funds from Montcalm County.
- b. Sewer Advisory Council has met and will post quarterly meeting schedule.
- c. Utility Billing Software to be scheduled for install.
- d. Look into Ach payments.

3. BS&A Software

- a. Building Department to be scheduled for install.

4. Township Improvements

- a. Carpet quotes (updated/Buyze): tabled until June 2021 for further review of budget
- b. Storage Shed (Buyze): Looking into all options with construction delays
- c. Stove/Survey complete and will go out with deposit refunds for hall rental input
- d. Sidewalk Repairs (Bergman): awaiting bids
- e. Server/IT Proposal (Burkholder): awaiting Creekside proposal/quote

5. State Chart of Accounts – no update

6. Policy Manual – tabled

I. Public Comments

J. County Commissioner – Brandon Stowell absent

K. Announcements and Board Comments

L. Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Grice

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

No: None