

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

7:00pm

I. Call to Order 7:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Present: Gould, Longcore, Scheuermann, Hyrns, Gitchel

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Gitchel 2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Longcore, Scheuermann, Hyrns, Gitchel

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda, approval of minutes from Township Board Meeting on March 13th, 2018 and Special Meeting on March 29, 2018 with change to dollar amount on fire contract.

Motion: Gould 2nd: Hyrns Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Longcore, Scheuermann, Hyrns, Gitchel

VI. Financial Report

a) Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

VII. Correspondence

a) Resignation of Assessor, Matthew Smith

Letter to board. Put advertisements in River Valley, Greenville Paper and Cedar Springs Post

b) IM SAFE Child Advocacy Center ~ Open house to tour the IM SAFE CAC April 26, 2018 3pm to 5pm. Visit with their staff, enjoy light refreshments and meet with their community partners. 10260 S. Sheridan Road, Fenwick, MI 48834. Donations are welcomed and are tax deductible. Please mail donations to IM SAFE COC, PO Box 411, Ionia, MI 48846. Donations also can be made on their website. (Website: imsafecac.org or questions call (616) 225-7267.)

VIII. Open Issues

a) Update on REU purchase

b) Howard City Fire Contract

1. Guest Speaker ~ Mike Falcon

Not able to attend; meeting with Brian April 18th, 2018 at 10:00am.

IX. New Business

- a) Guest Speaker ~ Alan Richard Proposed fees for zoning violations.

Alan to create document to submit to board for approval at May 15th, 2018 Board Meeting.

- b) Creekside Computer Services notice of billings. All text messages and phone calls will be billed out at an hourly rate (in 15 minute increments) and same day or urgent request will be billed according to the notice. Board to select a board member to be in charge of all contact with Creekside. This is a billable service and must be pre-approved by the board.
- c) Cancellation of membership with Michigan Township Association (no longer providing free legal advice on Thursdays)

Motion: Gitchel 2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Longcore, Scheuermann, Gitchel
No: Hyrns

- d) Paid hours in Treasurer's office.
- e) Requesting a hold harmless agreement and certificate of liability insurance from the treatment contractors for weed control. Suggested by Burnham and Flower.

Motion: Scheuermann 2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Longcore, Gitchel, Scheuermann, Hyrns

- f) Clerk to prepare a new splits document for the assessor in which it states that all special assessments must be included on the form, along with copies of the parcels prior year taxes for both winter and summer. Owner(s) of parent parcel and owner(s) of children parcel must provide the township board in writing of the apportionment of all special assessments prior to the approval of any splits. If the original owner of the property agrees to pay the assessment in full prior to the split, no agreement of the other parcels to the apportionment would be necessary. All splits with special assessment that must be apportioned must be confirmed by the township board.

Splits of property to follow Public Improvements Act 188 of 1954. 41.731 Division of lands; apportionment of uncollected assessments. Sec. 11 Should and parcel of land be divided after a special assessment thereon has been confirmed, and before the collection thereof, the township board may require the supervisor to apportion the uncollected amounts between the several divisions thereof and the report of such apportionment when confirmed by the township board shall be conclusive upon all parties.

Clerk will create and send to the board

- g) Removal of willow tree from Winslow Park. Contingent upon complete removal of tree, chips and debris, copy of liability insurance and completion of W-9.

Motion: Gitchel 2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould Longcore, Scheuermann, Hyrns, Gitchel

X. Committee Reports

- A. Planning Commission ~ Meeting on April 19th, at 7:00pm
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals ~ No Scheduled Meeting
- C. Sewer Advisory Committee ~ Sandy Raines to Schedule Meeting

D. Solid Waste Committee ~ April 19th, at 3:00pm

E. Road Committee ~ Meeting on April 18th, at 7:00pm

F. County Commissioner ~ Tom Porter

G. Election Committee ~ April 24th, 12:00pm

H. Board of Reviews ~ July – To be set by Assessor

I. Monthly Zoning Report ~ 1 Permit and 2 Complaints of trash/debris in yard.

J. Parks and Recreation Meeting ~ April 12th, 5:00pm

XI. Public Comments

Comments by Sheriff Williams

XII. Adjournment Time: 8:42pm