

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

June 15, 2026

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. Meeting Agenda**

Motion: Sower                      Second: Bergman                      Aye: all

- C. Consent Agenda:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2026; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated May 13 – June 10, 2026; Check register: May 1-31, 2026; Inv. 120365 to Siegfried Crandall for \$9,000 (multiple funds); Treasurer’s Report ; Correspondence; Assessor’s Activity Report; Howard City Fire Report; Sewer Check register for May 1-31, 2026 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: May 13 – June 10, 2026; Payable from the BWL/LWL Sewer Accounts: Inv. 714131 FVO for \$11,874.05 for Monthly services May 3 – May 18 \*.

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved under one blanket motion.*

Motion: Orcutt                      Second: Bergman                      Aye: all

**D. Public Comments:**

Mike Julien of 2397 Dagget Rd and Jerry Rohen of 2685 Elmwood repeated their endorsement of Janet Moore for the Planning Commission position.

**E. New Business:**

1. Road Contract for Reed Road Culvert repair  
Motion: Sower                      Second: Bergman                      Aye: all
2. Cemetery sellback price for Ordinance 2025-02 in reference to section 13: Resident (\$50) forfeiture and Non-Resident (\$500) to upon buy-back 80% refund (\$400).  
Motion: Burkholder                      Second: Sower                      Aye: all
3. Blight Elimination Ordinance and Blight Elimination Enforcement Agreement to Planning Commission.

**F. Open Items:**

1. Sand Lake Area Fire Department Update
2. Policy Updates:
  - a. Updated Zoning Forms and changes to fees: Application fee of \$25 and permit charges and escrows, if approved.  
Motion: Burkholder                      Second: Sower                      Aye: all
  - b. Road Policy – TIRF – tabled.

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3. Committee Updates:

a. Road Committee – no meeting scheduled.

b. Planning Commission: **Next Meeting: June 25, 2026 at 7 pm**

It was noted that the township was given notice of request for appeal of the PC denial. The PC will need to appoint positions at the next meeting and that term limits will be determined, per the Michigan Enabling Act requirements.

i. Janet Moore to fill vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Motion: Bergman Second; Orcutt

Roll call yes: Maioho, Bergman, Burkholder, Orcutt, Sower

c. Community & Economic Growth: Food 4 Fire Fundraising Event was a success! Over \$7,000 raised for the Fire Capital Fund!

d. Parks & Recreation: **Next meeting: July 13, 2026 at 6 pm** – if items on the agenda

e. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)- **Next meeting: TBD**

i. North site flow meter installation

ii. Survey, fence & signage for treatment site

B. Public Comments:

Norm Hawkins of 3035 Grand Ave approved of the appointment of Janet Moore to the Planning Commission [PC]. He was saddened to hear of the appeal and lack of a resolution from the PC decision to deny. He requested additional details of the comments and conversations from the PC meeting. He feels a separate resolution was [would be] a better representation and approval of minutes.

Mike Julien of 2397 Dagget Rd wanted more details of comments from the PC meeting, asked for a re-writing of the minutes. He offered to share from his 27 years with local government work about his past experiences.

Barb Hawkins of 3035 Grand Ave wanted the board to value the PC decision and fight the appeal.

Jan Cornelius of 3365 North Shore Dr. appreciated the work of the PC over the years, and hoped the expert opinions would be put together in a way to defend the (PC) decision.

Jerry Rohen of 2685 Elmwood wanted the Board to vigorously defend the PC's decision.

C. County Commissioner – Nate Alexander absent

D. Announcements and Board Comments:

The Township has completed another successful audit. The Board thanks all the volunteers and sponsors for a successful fundraising event! As a reminder, the Township does not do business on social media. Please attend meetings or reach out to a Board member with questions and concerns!

E. Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Motion: Sower

Second: Bergman

Aye: all

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