

# PIERSON TOWNSHIP

## Board Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

January 12, 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      Late: Sower 7:07 pm

### B. Meeting Agenda

Motion: Bergman      Second: Orcutt      Aye: all      Absent: Sower

C. Consent Agenda: Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025 with correction to Resolution 2025-20; Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from December 30, 2025; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated December 15- January 7, 2026; Budget Amendments: JE 3194 Pre-pay weed control & permit fee adjustment \$7,624.41 increase; JE 3219 Mid-Year Budget Amendments \$59,751.34 change to bal.; Check register: December 31, 2025; Invoices to be paid from the Gen Fund: Montcalm Chapter MTA Inv 2026 \$50.00 Local charter dues; Village of Sand Lake Fire Jan 31 \$13,870.70 Final payment of 2025-26 contract; Spectrum/Charter Jan 17 \$199.96 Auto - 101-265-925.000; Spectrum/Charter Jan 8 \$90.00 Auto - social hall 101-265-925.001; Fresh Coast Inv 2053 \$182.94 101-101-821.000; Treasurer's Report; Correspondence; Assessor's Activity Report; Howard City Dec Fire Report; Sewer Check register for December 1-31, 2026 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: December 15 – January 7, 2026; Payable from the BWL/LWL Sewer Accounts: Trace Inv. 5121133 \$121.75 (60/40 split).

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

Motion: Bergman      Second: Orcutt      Aye: all      Absent: Sower

### D. Public Comments: None

### E. New Business:

1. Public Hearing for Hooker Road Assessment – SAD

Motion to close Regular meeting at 7:03 pm

Motion: Bergman      Second: Burkholder      Aye: all      Absent: Sower

Sower arrived 7:07 pm

Public Comments:

Bonnie DeBusse of 23889 Hooker Dr.; Questioned length of project – being first part of road, stating she was told at their “annual meeting” that it was only 1/4 of the road. (Clerk read verbiage from petition, and confirmed with Roger Louck via text, that new resident Jack Borne wanted to propose to just to the second curve, but the project was to be from Newcosta to turn 3, all the way to where it was last repaired). Expressed her displeasure that others were building new homes and bringing heavy trucks in that were disintegrating the road. She felt since she was on an off road for four homes, they should not be charged the same.

Leo Chatman of 2399 Hooker Dr: Would like to see a percentage based SAD versus all the same amount. He felt someone (project lead Roger Louck) should have been here (there) to answer questions.

Bonnie DeBusse of 23889 Hooker Dr.; didn’t want her tax assessment to go up due to a new road (currently paved, so would not be a reason to reassess). She asked about the petition signatures, asked if we witnessed each signature or if it was the honor system (was informed the circulator was sworn by notary to the accuracy and the Clerk verified trusts, signatures and ownership via tax roll and Voter

signature records). She asked if there were any exemptions, and was answered: yes, owners with multiple parcels were only charged once. She had concerns about the entire project amount and that the amount was not known (she was told the first year was based on low estimate and final years would be adjusted to actual, based on the length of the time before work could be done). She asked if the special assessment was already done. So you are saying, by obligation, to push this forward because there was enough signatures. (Yes, the signature threshold was met 30 of 44 and was told the process to appeal.) So the amount quoted was for five years. (She was informed the end years may change due to the estimate for year 6 seal coating.

Leo Chatman of 2399 Hooker Dr asked why they were here if it was already done. (He was informed this was the Assessment Roll public hearing and Clerk read the tax tribunal notice from the mailer of how to appeal).

Clerk apologized for misstating meeting was Public Hearing 2.

Board explanations of the Michigan Enabling Act, process for signature verification, and appeal process.

Matt Strawski (address not give) thanked the Board for facilitating.

Note: Daniel Fisk of 5422 E 120 St, Sand Lake was in office 1/12/2026 asking if parcel 015-018-008-20 for Beth Berggren should have been included in SAD. Confirmed with ROD that Easement on deed refers to access via Joshua Dr and not via Hooker Dr.

Motion to close Public Hearing and resume regular meeting: 7:46 pm

Motion: Bergman      Second: Orcutt      Aye: all

**F. Open Items:**

1. Township Fire Meeting (nothing from SL) Update: Nelson Township meeting 1/13 at 5 pm & Fire Q&A at 6:30 pm, all townships are welcome and encouraged to attend.
2. Consumers Energy Grant for Trees – reimbursement received
3. Bids & Quotes policy review- tabled (Maioho hopes to have draft for February 16 meeting)
4. Zoning Administrator – Maioho drafting verbiage
5. Committee Updates:
  - a. Zoning Board of Appeals Members & Training January 20, 2026.
  - b. Road Committee Update from Jan 7 meeting
    - i. Discussion of new state funding and delay.
    - ii. Discussion of maintenance only until clear direction of state funding/fire needs.
    - iii. Road Policy – tabled
  - c. Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing(s): January 22 at 7 pm
  - c. Parks & Recreation: **Next meeting: March 2 at 6 pm** (if items for Agenda)
  - d. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)- **Next meeting: to be determined**
    - i. (BWL) South site re-build – completed.
    - ii. North site flow meter installation – soon (working on Egle Permit).
    - iii. Miss Dig Charge-back – billings to begin.
    - iv. Survey, fence & signage for treatment site – tabled

B. Public Comments

C. County Commissioner – Nate Alexander: nothing to report from the county.

D. Announcements and Board Comments

E. Adjournment: 8:41 pm

Motion: Sower

Second: Berman

Aye: all