

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation: Pastor Steve Swanson
4. Roll Call

Present: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann Absent: Hyrns

B. Approved Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

C. Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: VanTil

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

D. Presentation of Accounts and Treasurers Report

Motion: VanTil

2nd: Burkholder

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

E. Correspondence

- FOIA request from Elisabeth Waldon from the Daily News

F. Guest Speakers

- Dan Buyze
- Mark Reinhart

G. Public Comments

H. New Business:

1. Public Hearing for Little Whitefish Lake 2019 renewal Special Assessment for Weed Control.

Burkholder Motion to open the floor at 7:41 pm for public comments.

2nd: Scheuermann

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

Public Comments:

Bill Grice of 22755 Lake DR asked how many parcels were in the district. Clerk response was 153, as there were a couple residents that combined their properties. New rate per parcel for 2019 winter will be ~~\$204.00~~ \$181.76 due to the change in parcels and that amount will be reassessed yearly.

Leo Weber of 4721 White Rd asked about the collection of the escrow sum asking how long it was collected, if it was for a five year term. Clerk response no, it was for the initial set up. It [the escrow] was rolled into the cost of the first year to reimburse the Little Whitefish Association for their escrow contribution. They provided the escrow funds to begin the project [as per the Special Assessment Policy] is an act of good faith gesture, they will be reimbursed the escrow money fronted. There was also discussion with Mark Reinhart of the LWL Association on the account balance at the end of the last assessment, his response was that those funds were spent on weed control for the year(s) between. Mr. Weber was asked by Mr. Reinhart, if he was

contesting the assessment. His response was he wanted to be sure that if there was money at the end of the assessment that it would be returned to the owners. Clerk response was, at the end of the assessment the monies are only rolled over, if the special assessment is renewed. The only money returned to the LWL Association is the monies they fronted for the escrow to begin the assessment [process]. Clerk will follow up with the end of assessment information for Mr. Weber.

Mr. Weber also asked how the campground/park was assessed. Campbell's replied they paid for two lots. There was discussion about the number of boats were [at the campground] using the access to the lake.

Burkholder Motion to close the floor at 7:53 pm for public comments.

2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

2. Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment Resolution No. 2: 2019-16 determination of public improvements, approval of plans and estimated costs, final determination of the Special Assessment District and preparation of the Special Assessment Roll.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

3. Supervisor presentation of the Roll to the Board and filing of the Roll with the Clerk.

4. Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment Resolution No. 3, Resolution 2019-17 Filing of Special Assessment Roll for the Special Assessment District and Notice of Public Hearing.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

Little Whitefish Lake Weed Control Special Assessment Public Hearing will be held on October 8, 2019 at 7 pm at the Pierson Township Hall.

5. Approve the zoning change from residential to commercial for parcel 015-021-004-20 located between 21722 Cannonsville Rd and Bass Lake Rd on the south side. The building will be used for dry parts storage for TriCounty Equipment and Repair, owed by Chris Sanders. The zoning change was approved by the Zoning Board on August 29, 2019.

Motion: VanTil

2nd: Burkholder Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

6. Budget of \$200.00 for [Facebook] boost marketing [Community Promotion 101-703-880-000] from Contingency 101-900-900.001.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

7. Rescind the 2019-20 General Appropriations Act Resolution 2019-07.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

8. Adopt General Appropriations Act Resolution 2019-18 amending Section no. 3 to Clerk as Fiscal Officer and amend Section no. 9 Adoption of Budget to read "The Board of Trustees of Pierson Township adopts the 2019-20 fiscal year general fund budget by cost center. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each Cost Center. No transfers of cost center appropriations shall be made without prior board approval by budget amendment."

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

9. Approval for training for the Deputy Treasurer, details of office hours to be determined by Treasurers office.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: VanTil

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

I. Open Items:

1. Dispute Update: Little Whitefish Lake Association
2. Planning Commission: Master Plan discussion on survey and how to reach the community for input.
3. Jay Bassett Land Donation: Commissioner Carr referred to the County Attorney for review.
4. Fence Removal at Winslow Park by volunteers with waiver if allowed by insurance agent, or hiring it out if not allowed.
5. Zoning Concerns: Supervisor to work with Zoning Administrator to resolve issues.
6. Township Dehumidifier Update [Scheuermann]: completed and working properly.

J. Committee Reports:

- Planning Committee: October 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
 - Master Plan Meetings: September 5 at 6 pm; October 3 & 17 at 6 pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Sewer Advisory Committee –Sandy Raines to schedule.
- Montcalm County Commissioners Meeting: September 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm
- Solid Waste Committee – No meeting scheduled.
- Road Committee – Scheuermann Road Report. Next meeting: October 16, 2019 at 7 pm.
- County Commissioner
 - Tom Porter introduced Tony Sorensen who is entertaining Commissioner Porter’s Board seat upon his retirement (date not yet set).
- Election Committee:
 - Presidential Primary will be March 10, 2020 and State Primary (State, County and Local positions on August 4, 2020). *Additional election information may be added.*
- Board of Reviews: December 10, 2019 from 2-3 pm
- Parks & Recreation Meeting –Now meeting quarterly: October 10, 2019 at 5 pm
- Fire Committee – Bill Grice or Orvin Moore

K. Public Comments

L. Announcements and Board Comments

- **Pierson Township Farmers Market at Pierson Township Hall New Hours: 3pm to 7pm.** Vendors may contact the clerk for waiver at clerk@piersontwp.com.
- Republic Services/Central Sanitary Landfill **Customer Appreciation Day, Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 11 am – 3 pm.** Representatives will answer questions and give tours. Door prizes giveaways and a catered lunch.
- **Classic Car Cruise-In: September 20, 2019 from 3 pm – 7pm** check website or Pierson Township Facebook page for more details.

- Montcalm Solid Waste Committee is offering a one day event on **Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Montcalm County Road Commission office for household hazardous waste, tire and electronic collection. Full list of items accepted and conditions on the Pierson Township website: www.piersontwp.org

M. Adjournment: 8:39 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann

Roll Call: Yes: Gould, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

[After adjournment but while quorum was in place, will be ratified at the next meeting]

Motion to set the schedule of Master Planning meetings with the Planning Commission to be September 5, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 and December 5 & 19.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

Roll Call: Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann (phone) Gould

Motion to appoint Orvin Moore and Lisa Vargaz-Elburn as temporary members of the Planning Commission for Master Planning, to attend meetings at the standard meeting rate of \$30 and hourly salary as temporary employees at \$15 per hour plus reimbursement of expenses.

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Gould

Roll Call: Yes: VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann (phone) Gould