

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Special Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020

5:00 pm

*In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's **Executive Order 2020-75** to address meetings of public bodies, such as township boards, village councils, county boards of commissioners, etc., required under the Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), MCL 15.261 et seq., in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.*

*Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Gretchen Witmer's **Executive Order 2020-75** "I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing **until June 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm**, to the extent that the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.272 ("OMA") requires that a meeting of a public body be held in a physical place available to the general public or requires the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, strict compliance with section 3 of the OMA, MCL 15.263, is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical presence requirements, as follows:*

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means." (full verbiage is posted on the township website or upon request).

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: **5:04 pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

B. Approval of the Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Gould

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

C. Public Comments

D. Presentation of 2020-2021 State Revenue Sharing Report

1. Budget Review
2. Robin Gitchel is approved to consult 10 hours for the clerk's office through the 2020 Presidential election.

Motion: Scheuerann

2nd: Gould Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Scheuerman No: Burkholder

3. Budget amendments accepted (see attachment).

Motion: Burkholder

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

E. Policy Manual

1. Social Media Policy tabled for further research.

Motion: Gould

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

2. Non-Statutory Duties will be reviewed and updated.
3. Policy manual to resume Board review for adoption.

F. Alan Richard - no motion made.

Pierson Township meetings are being recorded.

- G. Only registered service animals will be allowed at the [Pierson] Township ^[Hall].
Motion: VanTil
2nd: Gould Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Scheuermann No: Burkholder
- H. Committees were suggested to be put on hold. Treasurer Hyrns read from the Michigan Association handbook “ Townships were not created to “do good.” Townships exist to assess property, levy taxes, administer elections and provide other public services as a governmental entity. Many other organizations do exist to do good.” No motion made.
- I. Meeting Date to remain the same for 2020 Calendar year.
- J. Public Comments: Pierson Township residents only (*stand, state name address and a Board member will call on you, 3 minute maximum*). (*Relating this agenda only.*)
- K. Board Comments
- L. Adjournment: **7:00 pm**
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann