

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

November 17, 2025

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00pm
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 October 20, 2025; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated October 15 – November 12, 2025; check register: October 31, 2025; Gen Fund: Montcalm Co. Drain Office Inv. 2025 \$2,207.70 101-265-801.000; Hart Intercivic (Evergreen machines) Inv. 004138 for \$804.00 101-262-810.001; BS&A Annual Service for Tax Inv. 164120 \$1,050.00 101-253-810.000; Sinclair Recreation Inv. M025225 \$1,350.00 101-751-930.000; Fresh Coast Planning Inv. 2014 \$3,270.44 101-101-821.000 (2nd half retainer); Bloom & Sluggett Inv. 27435 \$266.50 101-101-803.000; Denton Water Wells Inv. 1881 \$210.00 101-751-930.000; Treasurer's Report; Correspondence; Assessor's Activity Report; Howard City Fire Report (SL Fire Report not received); Sewer Check register for October 1-31, 2025 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: October 15-November 12, 2025; Payable from the Sewer Accounts: Robinson Septic Cleaning Inv. 23938 LWL \$2,800 592-536-932.000; Robinson Septic Cleaning Inv. 23940 BWL \$800 590-536-932.001; LWL \$400 590-536-932.000; Robinson Septic Cleaning Inv. 23871 BWL \$2,000 590-536-932.000; LWL Debt Sewer Account: Huron Community Bank Pmt \$6,493.50 592-906-993-000.

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

Motion: Burkholder

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all

D. Public Comments

E. New Business:

1. none

F. Open Items:

1. Township Fire Meeting (SL) Updated numbers presented by Sand Lake, questions and concerns were addressed during the meeting. Board continues to wait for response from Village of Sand Lake concerning the contract renewal proposed at the October 20, 2025 Board Meeting.
2. Consumers Energy Grant for Trees:
Thank you to Consumers Energy for awarding Pierson Township trees from the 2025 Community Street & Boulevard Tree Planting Grant Program. Four Eastern Red Buds were planted along Cannonsville Road East of the Township hall. Thank you to Heckman & Son Lawncare and Snowplowing for donation of the tree installation!

3. Bids & Quotes policy review- tabled

4. Committee Updates:

a. Road Committee: **Next meeting to be determined**

i. Road Policy – tabled

b. Planning Commission: **Next Meeting: December 4 at 7 pm**

c. Parks & Recreation: **Next meeting: Dec 1, 2025 at 6 pm**

i. Winterization is completed

d. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC)- next meeting: TBD

i. (BWL) South site re-build – permits signed no update on schedule.

ii. Miss Dig Charge-back

iii. Survey, fence & signage for treatment site: looking into grant opportunities.

G. **Public Comments:** The meeting was well attended by community members, along with several representatives from local agencies. Attendees included Village of Sand Lake firefighters (including Interim Fire Chief Mike Patin), Tyler Kaiser the Village of Sand Lake Treasurer, Robyn Britton the Nelson Township Supervisor, Eric Smith of Montcalm County EMS, former Supervisor Buyze, Howard City Fire Chief Heckman, and an Ensley Township resident.

Most public comments centered on concerns about response times and overall service coverage. Community members emphasized the need to ensure that any future changes maintain or improve public safety while remaining fiscally responsible.

H. **County Commissioner** – Nate Alexander was in attendance and expressed his sadness about Lance's passing and it's going to be a huge loss to the township and county.

I. **Announcements and Board Comments:**

Supervisor Maioho shared he had discussions with Representative Pat Outman and State Senator Rick Outman on a number of topics including Pierson Township growth in the county, state revenue sharing, current fire and EMS services, and the Big Whitefish Little Whitefish Sewer.

Prior to the meeting Supervisor announced the passing of Pierson Township Zoning Administration Lance Gates and held a moment of silence. During the board comments discussed how to proceed in posting the Zoning Administration. Lance played an integral role in our community and his loss is felt by many. Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to his family.

J. **Adjournment:** 8:40 pm

Motion: Sower

Second: Orcutt

Aye: all