

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting Minutes**

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

July 15, 2024

7:00 pm

A. Meeting call to order: 7:00 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

Absent: Bergman, Burkholder

B. Meeting Agenda

Motion: Sower

Second: Orcutt

Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

C. Consent Agenda: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated June 13 – July 13, 2024; Check registers (Gen, Park, Roads): June 1-30, 2024; Treasurer’s Report; Bills to pay from Gen Fund: Inv 25332 Bloom & Sluggett for \$851.00 101-101-803.000 and Heckman Lawn Services Inv. 5601 for \$980.00 101-567-821.000 & 101-751-821.000; Correspondence; Assessor’s Activity Report; Fire reports for Villages of Sand Lake & Howard City; Sewer Check register for June 1-30, 2024 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report: June 13- July 9, 2024.

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

Motion: Sower

Second: Orcutt

Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

D. Public Comments

E. Close regular meeting and open Little Whitefish Lake Special Assessment Public Hearing: **7:04 pm**

Motion: Orcutt

Second: Sower

Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

Public Comments:

John Ramells of 4701 N. White: Upset about the whole deal of somebody putting \$170 on tax base without permission; didn't understand the charges to residents to access the lake when he counted 40 boats at Camp Thunderhawk; wondered why they are billed while only using lake 6 months of the year; he asked how many members were on the association (board); has lived here all his life and never witnessed any (weed) treatment; felt the lake was rinsed clean every year from Big Whitefish - basically living on a river-ish lake. Bob Coffin let John know they had been treating for less than 15 years.

Ron Baker, County Commissioner offered that the Lake Association will contract with the contractor and suggests a Lake Association vote.

Leo Weber of 4454 White asked if it changed would we need township or association approval? He questioned also Camp Thunderhawk paying two parcels with 40 boats. Concerned they should be charged more and if the association implements change, would the board do it? He also questioned 300 feet from the waters edge, how do the back lots get charged?

Kurt Stevens of 4499 Main St, questioned \$175 for weed, and asked what the campground was charged, said they still have milfoil, can we hold the contractor accountable?

John ater mentioned Mother Nature in wintertime kills them (weeds), depth of the lake, they grow in the shadows and just like the leaves falling off each year, they come back.

F. Close public hearing and re-open regular meeting: 7:27 pm

Motion: Orcutt

Second: Sower

Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

G. New Business:

1. Resolution 2024-12 Little Whitefish Lake Resolution No. 4

Offered by: Orcutt

Aye: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

*Pierson Township meetings are being recorded.*

Supported by: Sower

Nay: none

Absent: Bergman, Burkholder

2. Budget Amendment to add \$100 to Non-Statutory Clerical 101-257-703.-008 to Assessor budget.  
Motion: Orcutt                      Second: Sower                      Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower
3. Moore & Bruggink - consulting for civil engineers for township (site plan review).  
Motion: Sower                      Second: Orcutt                      Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower
4. Roof Hail Damage - insurance approved \$35,155.28 after deductible.

H. Open Items:

1. Richard Gerke property assessment - came to an agreement.
2. Election Update:
  - a. August 6, 2024 Primary Election & Fire Millage
  - b. November 5, 2024 General Election
3. Committee Updates:
  - a. Planning Committee: Next meeting: July 25, 2024
    - i. Master Planning Update
  - b. Parks & Recreation: Next meeting: September \*\* 10, 2024
    - i. Basketball is coming soon
    - ii. Request to pay J. Mull \$125 for pickup/delivery of basketball equip from Sinclair Recreation in Holland (Park Improvements).  
Motion: Orcutt                      Second: Sower                      Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower
    - iii. Pop can schedule done for July & August
    - iv. Holiday Event Scheduled for December 7, 2024
  - c. Sewer Authority Committee (SAC) update

I. Public Comments

J. County Commissioner – Ron Baker present

K. Announcements and Board Comments

L. Adjournment: 8:16 pm

Motion: Sower

Second: Orcutt

Roll call yes: Buyze, Orcutt, Sower

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Additions at Meeting in red on agenda.