

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020

7:00 pm VIA Zoom & at Township Hall

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 township website or upon request).

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: **7:01 pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

B. Approval of the Meeting Agenda with addition.

Motion: Gould

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

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda: approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2020, register of warrants/checks dated May 19 – June 12, 2020, invoice 7459 for \$149 to Signs with Design from GL 101-703-927.000; correspondence requiring no action, committee meeting dates, assessors report, zoning administrator report, fire reports from Village of Sand Lake and Village of Howard City, and BWL/LWL Sewer Reports from May.

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

Motion: Burkholder

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

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion: Gould

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

E. Guest Speaker: Orvin Moore Re: Wind Ordinance

F. 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.)

G. New Business:

1. MTA Dues Invoice for \$2,455.28 for membership July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Motion: Hyrns

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

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2. At&t Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension.
Motion: Gould
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann

3. Committee Updates: Parks & Recreation

- a. Heckman & Son Lawn Care & Snowplowing bid approved for season maintenance at Winslow park for \$475.
Motion: Gould
2nd: VanTil Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
- b. Bill Grice offered his assistance with obtaining quotes for the fence at Winslow Park.
- c. There have been 2-3 citations issued for parking violations (parking on green space/causing damage). Bill will reach out to Roger Rockburn at Republic to see about additional boulders and Deans Excavating for moving the locations of current boulders to prevent further damages.

- H. Open Items

1. Dispute Update: Big Whitefish & Little Whitefish Lake Association. Attorney Thall has received documents from Montcalm County regarding the FOIA and is reviewing them.
2. Ordinances: Wind Ordinance information will be given to the Planning Commission for further review.
3. Little Library: Coming soon!
4. Township Building & Grounds Improvement Updates: the Township hall was painted, however, due to State Funding budget cuts, the other building improvements (carpet and hall floor painting) have been cut from the budget.
5. Jay Bassett Land Donation - no change
6. Zoning Update: Alan Richard has submitted his resignation as of June 30, 2020.
 - a. An advertisement for Zoning Administrator will be placed in the River Valley and Grand Rapids Press for the position. Application deadline is July 13, 2020. Board interview of possible candidates will be July 21, 2020.
Motion: Burkholder
2nd: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
 - b. Orvin Moore will be interim Zoning Administrator effective July 1st at the current wage [\$10,000 annual salary].
Motion: VanTil
2nd: Burkholder Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, VanTil, Burkholder, Scheuermann
 - c. Orvin will also look at the job description for ways to make it more efficient and look at the Fine Ordinance and compare with one for civil infractions.
7. Non-Statutory Duties:
 - a. Treasurer added reporting duties to the current board list. No other changes were made.
8. Treasurer offered to obtain a Port-a-potty for the Farmer's Market. No motion was made. Any guests using the Township hall for the restroom will use the safety protocols in place.

- I. Public Comments (*5 minutes, please state name & address prior*): relating to this agenda only.

- J. County Commissioner – Tony Sorensen (absent)

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K. Announcements and Board Comments

- Voters are encouraged to register to be placed on the Absentee Voter/Application List from now until the August 4 Election. Stop by the Township Hall Tuesdays, 2p-5p or Fridays, 10a-2p, or email clerk@piersontwp.org
- Trustee Scheuermann given permission to contact Mika Meyers for their input on Non-Statutory duties and mileage reimbursements.

Motion: Scheuermann

2nd: VanTil

Roll Call Yes: Hyrns, VanTil, Scheuermann

No: Gould, Burkholder

- Policy Manual to be reviewed at July Board Meeting.

L. Adjournment: **8:01 pm**

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Scheuermann

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