# PIERSON TOWNSHIP
## Special Meeting Minutes

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339
August 10, 2021
6:00 pm

A. Meeting
   1. Call to order: 6:00 PM
   2. Pledge of Allegiance
   3. Roll Call Present: Buyze, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns Absent: Bergman

B. Meeting Agenda
   Motion: Burkholder
   2nd: Hyrns Roll Yes: Buyze, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns

C. Todd Sattler Montcalm County Drain Commissioner – audit background and components:
The fund verification audit completed by Rehman Robison, however, the final report not available at meeting. The County has offered to split the differences of the variances and pay for the cost of the audit. BWL variance was $16,835.24 ($8,417.62) and LWL variance was $4,412.52 ($2,206.26).

Big Whitefish Sewer O/M Balance: $263,473.76 + $8,417.62 = $271,891.38
Little Whitefish Sewer O/M Balance: $81,129.17 + $2,206.26 = $83,335.43

D. Open Q&A & public comments between Board, County Representatives Todd Sattler Drain Commissioner, Pat Carr, Montcalm County Commissioner, also in attendance County Commissioner Ron Baker, Big Whitefish Lake Association President Kevin Gilfillan, Little Whitefish Lake Association President Brent Bode, the Sewer Advisory Committee and many lake residents. Both Big & Little Whitefish Associations recommended to accept the county offers.

E. Accept the offer of [for] Big Whitefish Lake to accept the County offer [of half the variance].
   Motion: Buyze Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Burkholder No: Grice, Hyrns
   2nd: Burkholder **Motion failed.**

Amend motion that the county offer for the resolution of the Big Whitefish audit findings be accepted by Pierson Township with the stipulation that should additional audit findings show funds from the Little Whitefish fund were misappropriated to the Big Whitefish funds, those funds will be replaced as appropriate by Pierson Township.
   Motion: Buyze Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Burkholder No: Grice, Hyrns
   2nd: Burkholder **Motion failed.**

Buyze wanted to go on record supporting of Little Whitefish and their desire to accept this proposal.

Accept the Little Whitefish [Association] wishes to accept the proposal [half the variance].
   Motion: Buyze Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Burkholder No: Grice, Hyrns
   2nd: Burkholder **Motion failed.**

Sattler wanted to go on record to say that we have worked very hard to make this transition as smooth as possible, no amount of information that I can give you is going to get you guys past the hang ups that you have. You have received to date everything minus the loose-leaf paperwork I am storing downstairs in the basement, you have received a copy of every single thing in our office. I will not be spending any more time to try to dig up or find any more information or any part of any investigation. You guys now have the ability to find everything that you would like. I'm happy to work and facilitate this process, but I will no longer spend my money or my time trying to come up with a solution that does not seem like it doesn't want to be heard.

F. Adjournment: 7:04 pm without motion

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