PIERSON TOWNSHIP Community & Economic Growth Committee

April 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes 3:00 pm

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 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 2020-15 "I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until April 15, 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).

In conjunction with Executive Order 2020-21 "In All in-person government activities at whatever level (state, county or local) that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, or to support those businesses and operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life, are suspended.

- I. Call to order: 3:03 pm via WebEx.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call:

Present: Roger Rockburn, Dan Buyze, Sara Burkholder **Video**: Kathi Coffin **Phone**: Deb Fountain-Becker

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Becker-Fountain 2nd: Rockburn Aye: All Ney: None

- V. Introductions
- VI. Motion for Burkholder to be interim Secretary and Buyze to be interim Chair.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Coffin Aye: All Ney: None

VII. Application for Committee Participation for presentation to Township Board for approval.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze Aye: All Ney: None

- VIII. Public Comments
 - IX. Organization of Committee & Mission
 - a. Legal expenditures: Look into option of a "Foundation"
 - b. Application process for 2 open committee seats
 - c. Meetings will be set as needed on while committee and projects are being determined. Next meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm.
 - d. Project Brainstorming: Community Outreach
 - e. Goal setting:

Long Term

Short Term ideas to be developed:

- i. Community Clean Up Project: Family challenge (during COVID-19 social distancing) setting locations needing attention; advertising & promotion; collaboration with other groups for greater success.
- ii. Tire/Metal Recycling Programs: How to advertise and how to help success.
- iii. Community & Seniors: Partner with TC School student groups for "man" power using direct donations of materials only.
- iv. Ash Tree identification and removal: work with the County, how could we help?
- v. Work on Ordinance identification, community promotion and advisory to the Board.
- vi. Ordinance Enforcement advisory to the Board.
- f. Project planning: Community Clean Up
- g. Success Measures
- X. Public Comments
- XI. Committee Comments
- XII. Adjournment: 4:13 pm

Motion: Buyze 2nd: Burkholder Aye: All Ney: None