

# PIERSON TOWNSHIP

## Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

7:00 pm

I. Call to order: 7:00 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call Present: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Gitchel 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda, approval of minutes from Township Board Meeting on September 11, 2018 and Presentation of Bills.

Motion: Hyrns 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gould Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

VI. Financial Report

a) Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

VII. Guest Speaker: Al Cummins ~ Tri County Schools Superintendent

VIII. Correspondence

- a) Superintendents of Montcalm County ~ concerns about the negative effects commercialized Medical Marijuana enterprises will have on their students. States with legalized marijuana lead the nation in rates of youth marijuana use. Marijuana use is strongly associated with academic underperformance. One in 6 teens that use marijuana will become addicted. Colorado and Washington State have had a negative effect after legalization of marijuana. 58% of the expulsions, 63% of the suspensions and 73% of the referrals of students to law enforcement were for marijuana violations. The Superintendents of Montcalm County are strongly opposed to the introduction of commercialized Medical Marijuana business in our communities.
- b) Big Whitefish Lake sent an email requesting to do their special assessment without completing the petition process. Pierson Township will not require the BWL Assoc. to complete the petition process for future Special Assessments for weed control. However, if there is an objection from a resident and the Special Assessment fails- BWL Association agrees in writing to cover all costs incurred by the township including mailings, meetings, publications and hourly wages.

Motion: Gitchel 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

- c) Mika Meyers ~ Is your municipality ready for the potential legalization of recreational marijuana? Proposal 18-1 is on the November ballot. Townships have the option to opt out. To opt out the township must be able to submit to the state a duly-enacted ordinance that completely prohibits such establishments in the municipality. Scheuermann to contact Mika Meyers for Opt-out and ordinance

Motion: Gitchel 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scheuermann Roll Call: No: Gould Yes: Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

- d) Hazardous Waste Collection October 20, 2018 Location: 615 N. State Street, Stanton, MI 48888 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed! Call: 989-831-3620 with questions or to volunteer to help with the event. Post flyer on doors.

#### IX. Public Comments

#### X. Open Issues

- a) Sewer update by Scheuermann
- b) Fire Contract
- c) Farmland and Open Space Preservation Request is going to be resubmitted to Board with the 30year time frame that the board approved.

Motion: Scheuermann 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

- d) Poverty Exemption Policy is being completed by Mika Meyers
- e) Winslow Park Update
  - 1) Stipulation and Order extending restraining order and cancelling hearing on pending motion for a preliminary injunction has been sent to the Circuit Court in Montcalm County.
  - 2) In need of new member for the Parks and Recreation Committee.
  - 3) Pending agreement has been sent to Bogaski's attorney.
- f) Resumes'

#### XI. New Issues

- a) Brian Longcore, Supervisor has submitted his resignation. His last day will be December 31, 2018.
- b) Mika Meyers Legal fees Invoice 626644 for \$2,661.50 (See Attached)

Motion: Gould 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns Roll Call: Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

#### XII. Committee Reports

- a) Planning Commission ~ Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- b) Zoning Board of Appeals ~ October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- c) Sewer Advisory Committee ~ Sandy Raines to Schedule Meeting
- d) Solid Waste Committee ~
- e) Road Committee ~ Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

- f) County Commissioner ~ Tom Porter~ Absent
- g) Election Committee ~ General Election November 6.
- h) Board of Reviews ~
- i) Park & Recreation Meeting ~ October 11th at 5:00 pm
- j) Fire Committee ~ Update by Orvin Moore
- k) Assessor's Report ~ Completed one land division, one land combination, 7 property record cards provided to realtors, 6 messages returned to residents, 15 property transfer affidavits entered, 11 principal residence exemptions entered, 2 inspections for field work and photo entries for home demo, 18 inspections for zoning and building permits, data exports to MTA for PRE Audit Review.
- l) Monthly Zoning Report ~ 1 New stick built home, 1 garage/pole barn, 1 deck, 1 complaint (Carport too close to road)

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XIV. Board Comments

- a) William VanTil to Supervisor position

Motion: Gitchel      2<sup>nd</sup>: Hyrns      Roll Call Yes: Gould, Hyrns, Scheuermann, Longcore, Gitchel

XV. Adjournment: 9:12 pm