

The Pierson Township News

Summer Tax Time

Enclosed is the Summer Tax Bill. **The last day to pay without interest is Sept. 14 (open 9 am-5 pm).**

Last day to file for deferment is Sept. 14
(waives interest through Feb 14, 2022).

Easy payment options: mail, drop box at the hall, or online via link at www.piersontwp.org (convenience fee noted). Payments also accepted at the **Treasurer's Office; or Independent Bank in Howard City or Sand Lake** (you must bring the bill with you). Checks/money orders made payable to Pierson Township.

If you pay your taxes via **mortgage escrow** and you have either recently refinanced, paid off your existing mortgage loan or you have financed a new home,



please call or email the Treasurer's office to verify the mortgage lender & mailing address for billing purposes.

Treasurer's office is open to pay taxes at the Pierson Township Hall: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am - 2 pm

Understanding your Tax Bill

Each year in February, property owners receive a "Notice of Assessment", which states the new Assessed and Taxable values for the year.

Assessed Value: This value is half of the fair market value of your property. This value changes each year based on the expected sale price of your property as determined by studies of actual sales in neighborhoods, taking into consideration the description of your property (land value, building age and size, etc.), sales studies from Montcalm County, and State of Michigan guidelines.

Taxable Value: This value is used to calculate your tax bill.

Principle Residence Exemption (PRE): Is a tax break on the school millage (up to 18 mills) for a home that is a primary residence. Rental properties and vacation homes do not qualify for this tax break. The PRE must be filed by June 1 to have the adjustment made for the current tax bill. For special situations, please contact the Assessor for more information.

Carl Schuitema the Assessor is available on Tuesdays from 9 am until 2 pm. Call if you need an appointment outside of those hours.

The Township office will be closed

July 1, Nov 24-25 and December 24 - January 3, 2022.

Township Communications

At recent board and planning commission meetings residents have expressed concerns about communications for meetings and specifically Public Hearings.

Public Hearings generally are posted and published a minimum of two weeks prior. Meeting synopsis are posted by week-end of meeting date.

For many years, the township has used the Pioneer River Valley for the township publications. After some comparison of services, pricing and the benefit of a reporter to cover area news, the Township Board at the June 15, 2021 meeting decided to switch publications to the Greenville Daily News. For a link to the article visit the township website.

Not a subscriber to the Daily News? Not to worry, the Legal Notices are accessible online for free at:

<https://thedailynews.cc/michigan-public-notice/>

Simply enter "Montcalm" in the county search and scroll through listings.

If Pierson Township residents would like to receive an email with the meeting schedule and public hearings, please let us know. There is a spot on your tax bill to enter (please print) an email address for communications, or click the link online to be added to an email list for township business. Contact phone numbers are also welcome to aid the township in reaching you when questions arise.

Wind Ordinance

There has been much talk about "Wind" in Montcalm County. Pierson Township is a Zoned Community. What that means is that the township can regulate building and land uses.

The Wind Ordinance has been in the hands of the Planning Commission since 2020. After holding the required public hearings the Wind Ordinance became effective November 17, 2020 when the Board accepted the proposed document. There have since been two amendments, February 2021 to add a Wind Zone and June 2021 amendment to a set-back from 2X to 4X on page 8 (* no change to page 11 at 4X).

The main components of what will determine **where or if** a commercial wind tower can be placed is by decibel limits and set-backs from roads, dwellings and non-participating property lines. The Wind Ordinance 2020-01 as amended can be found at www.piersontwp.org.



Schedule for Remainder of 2021:

July - Summer Tax Bills mailed
 July 8 @ 3pm C&E Growth Mtg
 July 8 @ 4:30pm Parks & Rec Mtg
 July 14 @ 7pm Road Committee Mtg
 July 15 @ 7pm Planning Mtg
 July 20 @ 2-3pm Board of Review
 July 20 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg
 July 22 @ 5pm SAC (Sewer) Mtg

Aug 12 @ 3pm C&E Growth Mtg
 Aug 12 @ 4:30pm Parks & Rec Mtg
 Aug. 17 @ 7pm Township Board Mtg

Sept 9 @ 3pm C&E Growth Mtg
 Sept 9 @ 4:30pm Parks & Rec Mtg
 Sept 14 Treasurer's office open 9a-5p
 Last day to pay taxes without interest.
 Sept. 21 @ 7p Township Board Mtg

Oct. 14 @ 3pm C&E Growth Mtg
 Oct. 14 @ 7pm Planning Mtg
 Oct 19 @ 5pm SAC (Sewer) Mtg
 Oct. 19 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg
 Oct. 21 @ 7pm Road Committee Mtg

**** November & December meetings are one week EARLIER than normal. ****
 Nov. 9 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg

Dec. Winter Tax Bills to be sent.
 Dec. 14 @ 7pm Township Board Mtg

Check the website for changes to the schedule of meetings!

Pierson Township Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Rec Committee along with CE&G Volunteers have created a **Community Garden Park** behind the Pierson Township Hall. Stop by and check out the walking trail and play area.

There are some developing recreation plans in the works!
 Watch the Web & FB for details!

Pierson Township Farmers Market



New for the THIRD YEAR, the fourth week of each month is an invitation to craft & artisan (repurpose vs. flea items) to join the regular market crew.

This year will also include fundraising by our local TC Boosters. They will be invited to run car washes, bottle/can drives and anything fun they can think of!

Come out and support TC kids and grab fresh veggies and fares from our local vendors. Food trucks will again be invited to cover dinner. Watch the Facebook page for weekly details.

Rain events **may** be held in the lower level of the Township hall (if not rented). In addition to Facebook, **the yellow bulletin board will indicate if we are inside the day of the market.**

Pierson Township Farmers & Artisan Market
Fridays 3 pm - 7 pm
June 18 - Mid October



Always free to vend with approved application.

Find the application at www.piersontwp.org/community.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR: CONNIE BROWN
 616-696-3237 by appointment

ASSESSOR: CARL SCHUITEMA
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 Other times by appointment:
 616-675-4905
assessor@piersontwp.org

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: ORVIN MOORE
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zoning@piersontwp.org

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: LANCE GATES
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OFFICE HOURS

CLERK'S OFFICE
 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am - 2 pm
 Notary services by appointment

SUPERVISOR
 Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm
 Other times by appointment

TREASURER'S OFFICE
 Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am - 2 pm
 Also Sept 14, Feb. 14 & Feb. 28
 from 9 am - 5 pm

PIERSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:



REPUBLIC SERVICES

Cart & 2 bags per week
 \$10.75 per month

1 package of 10
 Blue Bags \$20.50

3 bags brought to the
 landfill once per week: FREE!

Unlimited FREE Recycling &
 Yard Waste once a week!



First Saturday after Memorial & Labor Days!

Next Clean Up Day:
September 11, 2021

HALL RENTALS

CONTACT THE CLERKS OFFICE
 \$50 DEPOSIT/ \$75 Resident/\$100 Non-resident &
 2 hr meeting blocks available. See application online
 for full rate details, availability calendar and photos!