PIERSON TOWNSHIP Board Meeting Minutes ^Corrected February 16, 2021

7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act 254 of 2020, extended the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021.

- A. Meeting
 - Call to order: 7:03 pm
 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Roll Call Zoom:

Buyze (Manitee Twp, FL), Bergman (Pierson Twp), Burkholder (Dauphin Island, AL), Grice (Pierson Twp), Hyrns (late)(Pierson Twp)

B. Approve Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice No: None Hyrns (absent/late)

C. Consent Agenda: Pierson Township Board Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021; Pierson Township Special Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2021; Budget Amendment for Audit Professional Fees 101-223-801.001 for \$150 from Contingency 101-900-900.001; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated January 13, 2021 – February 3, 2021*; Check register: January 1-31, 2021; Invoices to be paid from the General Fund: Inv. 216602 to Gas Production 101-265-922.000 for \$286.31; Inv. 19615-001 to Bloom Sluggett 101-101-803.000 for \$1,207.00; Inv. Jan 1-31 Cons E – Street lights 101-448-920.001 for \$78.36; Inv. 104549 to Siegfreid & Crandall 101-223-801.001 for \$250.00; Inv. 7247 to Superior Janitorial 101-265-935.000 for \$160.00; Inv. 639161 to Point Broadband/Casair 101-265-925.000 for \$142.08; Chk. 18553 * to Spectrum/Charter 101-265-925.000 for \$49.99; Chk. 18554 * to The Pioneer Group 101-101-900.000 for \$626.00 for \$626.00; Correspondence; Assessor's report; Zoning report; Village of Howard City & Sand Lake Fire Reports; The Right Place Monthly Report; meeting schedules.

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

Motion: Bergman

2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns

No: None

D. Approval of Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Grice 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- E. Public Comments
- F. New Business:
 - 1. Resolution 2021-04 for April 1, 2021 Supervisor Salary at \$18,375.60.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Bergman

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

2. Resolution 2021-05 for April 1, 2021 Treasurer Salary at \$22,411.48.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

3. Resolution 2021-06 for April 1, 2021 Clerk Salary at \$22,411.48.

Motion: Grice 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

4. Resolution 2021-07 for April 1, 2021 Trustee Salary at \$2,668,44 with additional meetings at \$30 per diem.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- 5. Amendment to Zoning/Fine Structure/no change to ordinance but letter disclosure only.
- 6. Hall Agreement with attorney recommendations for alcohol use (not sales).

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- 7. Budget Meeting set for Tuesday, March 30 at 5:00 pm.
 - a. Newsletter Printing Update/KCI (Hyrns): tabled for further comparison.
 - b. Township Grounds Maintenance/Gardening: tabled for quotes.
 - c. All committees including non-statutory shall be paid meeting pay at \$30 per diem for up to four meetings a year, and when committee [positions] change reduce to 5 members for all committees.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- d. New Position: Office Manager tabled
- e. Parks & Recreation Budget for 2021-22 for \$1,000 for supplies for the Community Garden Park.

Motion: Grice 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice No: Hyrns

- 8. Committee Updates:
 - a. Road Committee: Next meeting March 17 at 7 pm
 - b. Planning Commission:
 - i. Amend the Wind Ordinance [2020-01] to establish a Wind Energy Zone that allows Commercial Wind Tower construction to those areas east of Federal (Northland) in Pierson Township.

Motion: Grice 2nd: Burkholder

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice No: Hyrns

ii. Amend Ordinance language to allow an Incidental Building of (10x20) 200 square feet or less, with the set-back no less than 6 feet from back or side lot line with a maximum height with a 12-foot-high peak.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- c. Community & Economic Growth:
 - i. Committee requests Board permission to survey the community (via Facebook/email) for community classes and opportunities at the Township Hall & Farmers Market.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

ii. Committee request for classes/opportunities open to the public (free/P&R fundraising/DNR) to waive the hall rental fee; non-township sponsored [will require \$50]^deposit to protect against damages.

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Bergman

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None

- G. Open Items:
 - 1. Dispute: Little Whitefish Lake no change
 - 2. Bond Refinance: Bond Resolution March 16 Meeting
 - 3. Sewer Management status discussion
 - a. Assessment Management Quote (Buyze)
 - b. EGLE requirements (Buyze)
 - 4. BS&A Software
 - a. Building Department \$15,445
 - b. Utility Billing \$11,950 with Cash Receipting \$17,350.00
 - 5. Township Hall Suggested Improvements:
 - a. Stove Update (Ark's Install \$585)
 - b. Outdoor shed (Buyze)
 - c. East sidewalk (Bergman)
 - d. Front restroom (Hyrns)
 - e. Fence (Buyze)
 - f. Server/IT Proposal for Monitors/Microphones (Burkholder)
 - 6. State Chart of Accounts no change
 - 7. Jay Bassett Update: Land Value no change
 - 8. Policy Manual
 - a. [Monthly] Paychecks will be paid on the last Tuesday of each month.

Motion: Buyze 2nd: Burkholder

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice No: Hyrns

b. MTA or other consultants shall not be contacted before (without) Board or Supervisor approval.

Motion: Buyze 2nd: Burkholder

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice No: Hyrns

- H. Public Comments (5 minutes, please state name & address prior): relating to this agenda only.
- I. County Commissioner Brandon Stowell
- I. Announcements and Board Comments none
- K. Adjournment: 10:05 pm

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Grice

Roll Call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice, Hyrns No: None