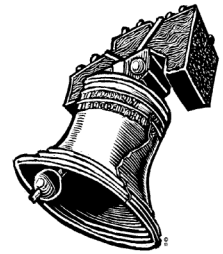




# The Pierson Township News Summer 2011

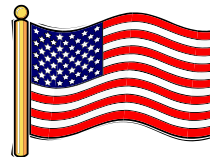


## 2011 Meeting Dates Township Events

<b>July 2011</b> <b>1st</b> Summer Taxes <b>5th</b> Township Board Mtg <b>5th</b> Last day to register for 8/2/11 election <b>19th</b> Board of Review	<b>August 2011</b> <b>2nd</b> Election - Montcalm Community College <b>3rd</b> Township Board Meeting <b>Music in The Park—Howard City</b> <b>7/6, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16</b> 7pm-9pm	<b>September 2011</b> <b>6th</b> Township Board Mtg. <b>10th</b> Free Cleanup Day <b>8am to noon</b> <b>14th</b> Summer Taxes Due Last day to pay taxes w/o interest
<b>October 2011</b> <b>4th</b> Township Board Mtg. <b>11th</b> Last day to register for 11/2/11 election Road Committee Mtg. Planning Commission	<b>November 2011</b> <b>1st</b> Township Board Mtg. <b>8th</b> Election - Montcalm Community College	<b>December 2011</b> <b>1st</b> Winter Taxes <b>6th</b> Township Board Mtg. <b>Remember: Board of Review</b> if you find any errors on your tax bills. Call assessor with ?'s

### *Tidbits you may not know:*

*When The Star Spangled Banner is played,  
what is proper decorum?*



### **Answer:**

United States of America Flag Code as amended by the 94th Congress and approved July 7, 1976 says, "During the rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present...shall stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart... "When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the manner they would if the flag is present."

### **Thank You!**

On June 4th 2011 the Pierson Township residents were able to get rid of 201 loads of trash for **FREE**.

Remember: Sept. 10th from 8am to noon, there will be another opportunity for Pierson Township Residents to clean up your unwanted junk for **FREE!**

All meetings listed are held at the Pierson Township Hall at 7 P.M. unless noted. The Hall is located at 21156 Cannonsville Rd. just off the 131 expressway Pierson exit. The mailing address is P.O. Box 109, Pierson, MI 49339 616-636-8570

**Recycling In Montcalm County:** The next date is 8/6/2011 at the Fairgrounds Flyers are available at the county website, or at the township hall.

[www.montcalm.org/downloads/2011\\_hhw\\_summer\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.montcalm.org/downloads/2011_hhw_summer_flyer.pdf)

### **TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICE HOURS**

TUE ,WED & THURS  
10:00 A.M. – 3 P.M.

616-636-8570

FAX: 616-636-4911

Brooke E Scott  
clerk@piersontwp.org

### **ZONING HOURS**

Brooke Scott

Tue & Thurs

10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

zoning@piersontwp.org

### **ASSESSOR HOURS**

Tom Doane

Wed 4:30-6:30 P.M.

Thurs: 1P.M. – 5 P.M.

assessor@piersontwp.org

### **TREASURER HOURS**

J Scott Vukin

Tuesdays

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Also 9/14/11

9 A.M.—5 P.M.

treasurer@piersontwp.org

### **SUPERVISOR HOURS**

Brian Longcore

Tuesdays 10A.M.-3P.M.

Also by appointment

supervisor@piersontwp.org

### **Trustees:**

Bill Bryant –Rd Comm & Sewer Advisory Comm.

Gerard Bogner - Plan-  
ning Commission



# Pierson Township Cemetery Report



***A Peaceful Place For  
Your Loved Ones!***

Did you know the first person to be buried in Pierson Cemetery was James Bryant on 1/1/1856! If you would like to purchase a lot for your family, they are \$50.00 for residents of Pierson Township and \$500.00 for non-residents. There are many lots available in the new portion of the cemetery. And only a few in the old part.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to maintain our cemetery. It is looking so much better. It is something we can be proud of.

Contact **Connie Boone** at **616-696-3237** for more information.

## ***From the Treasurer: J Scott Vukin***

It is tax time again. The 2011 Summer Tax Bills are now out. Please take the time to look over your bill, if you notice anything you do not understand or needs to be corrected, please let us know ASAP. The July Board of Review meets on July 19th for errors and omissions. Contact Tom Doane, the assessor for more information.

**Summer Deferment** forms are available at the Twp office. This deferment allows qualified taxpayers to defer the due date without interest until 2/15/2012. Deferments have to be filed with the treasurer by 9/15/2011. You may also qualify for a **Poverty Exemption**. This exemption forgives taxes. It has to be applied for every year with the Board of Review. Applications are available at the Township Hall.

**A reminder of office hours:** For the 2011 summer tax season, I or my deputy Kay, will be in the office from 10am to 3 pm on Tuesdays. Also we will be here on 9/14/11, the last day to pay summer taxes without interest, from 9am to 5pm. As always tax payments can be mailed to 5673 Bass Lake Rd, Howard City 49329 , P O Box 109, Pierson MI 49339 or put in the drop box located on the outside wall at the front door of the Hall. If you are planning on paying in cash, please try and have exact change as I keep very little cash on hand. Also, remember only Kay my deputy or I am authorized to receive cash tax payments.

As always, you are encouraged to stop by and see us here at the Hall. We have a lot of Free Hand-outs. We have information for the Free or reduced landfill rates for Pierson Twp property owners, Michigan & County Maps, plus information on many Countywide programs for the low income and seniors such as **FREE Dental** care.

*I would like to wish everyone a safe and memorable summer, please pray for our country and our troops. God Bless America! J Scott Vukin, Pierson Township Treasurer*



## ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE “PIERSON OUTDOOR MARKET”

21751 CANNONVILLE RD, PIERSON MI 49339

NEXT TO “STICKS-N-STONES ETC” & J&H FAMILY STORE

Every other Friday June thru September and some Saturdays

You can book a spot today by calling 616-636-8677

[www.sticks-n-stones.com](http://www.sticks-n-stones.com) or Facebook/Pierson Outdoor Market

## 2011 Pierson Township Road Projects - approx: \$143,000

- 11023 Salt stabilize PAEPKE ROAD from Stanton Rd north around curve to township line 1.00
- 11024 Salt stabilize JONES ROAD from Stanton Rd to South County Line Rd 1.50
- 11025 Machine wedge/seal WOOD LAKE ROAD from West County Line Rd to Bass Lake Rd 2.05
- 11026 Gravel KIMBALL ROAD from Federal Road to Dagget Road 1.30
- 11027 Gravel MAPLE HILL ROAD from Kendaville Road to McBride Road 1.00
- 11028 Gravel PIERSON ROAD from Federal Road to Jones Road and south on Jones Road to Stanton Road 2.40
- 11029 180# overlay on WEST SHORE DRIVE north of Hillis Road 0.26
- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Road west of 131 x-way overpass to West Countyline Rd.

*From the Supervisor's Desk: We can always use a little help at the hall throughout the year. We can use volunteers to work on our Clean-up Days twice a year, the cemetery work crew and other odd jobs. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out once or twice a year, Please call the supervisor at 616-636-8570. Thank You, Brian Longcore*



**Doyle McKenney** who sits on both the Planning Commission and Road Committee, reports that the Planning Commission has been working on updating the Zoning Book. A new chapter has been created that addresses Alternative Energy. The Commission has also passed an ordinance for Medical Marijuana. And some changes have been made to Lake Residential in the Zoning Book.

The Road Committee has been working on a plan to get all of the township roads in as good condition as possible. With less road dollars from the state, less road maintenance is being done by the county. But there has been approximately \$143,000 approved in the Township's budget for this years projects. The Road Committee does feel that it would be able to accomplish much more for the Township if there was a road millage to generate additional revenue.

### News from Zoning Administrator: Brooke Scott

In 2011 there have been 22 zoning permits issued so far.

4 houses

5 garages

4 additions

9 other misc projects

Zoning permits need to be obtained here at the township

before getting your building permits from the County in Stanton. If you would like to find out more about Zoning in Pierson Township, you can look at the whole Zoning Ordinance online at the township website at: [www.piersontwp.org](http://www.piersontwp.org)

You can also print out zoning permit applications online .

The Zoning administrator is in the office  
Tues. & Thurs.

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Call 616-636-8570  
for more information.