

**TOWNSHIP BOARD**

ERIE TOWNSHIP  
Erie, Michigan

Regular Meeting &  
Public Hearing  
September 8, 2009

Supervisor William Frey at the Township Office, 2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI, called the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing September 8, 2009 of the Erie Township Board to order at 7:00 PM. The roll was called and Pledge of Allegiance said.

**CALL TO ORDER-  
ROLL CALL-PLEDGE  
OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bill Frey, Supervisor	Present
Cindy Baum, Treasurer	Present
Jolene Upchurch, Clerk	Present
David Cousino, Trustee	Present
Michael Grodi, Trustee	Present

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to accept and place on file items #1-5 of the consent agenda. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Baum moved, supported by Grodi to approve and place on file correspondence items #1-9. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- No Public Comments at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cousino moved, supported by Upchurch to direct Acting Chief Konopka to enter into a contract with Whitman Ford and Herkimer Radio to purchase and outfit a new police car, not to exceed \$24,000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**NEW POLICE CAR**

Upchurch moved, supported by Cousino to have Erie Fire pay \$8,709.27 out of their 2009/2010 budget to re-build the pumps, as well as \$32,362.25 for the Fire Brush truck to be paid for out of the equipment millage fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**ERIE FIRE DEPT.-  
BRUSH TRUCK &  
RE-BUILD PUMPS**

Chief Duvall wanted the money for pump repairs taken out of the millage fund. It was explained the money in that millage is for equipment only and not repairs, therefore the money for the repair on the pumps would come out of his 2009/2010 budget.

Treasurer Baum suggested paying off the Fire Bond early to save the Township money.

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to add item # 10 to the agenda. Motion carried all in favor.

**AMEND AGENDA  
ADD #10 FIRE BOND  
PAY OFF**

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Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to approve the \$9,000.00 to refurbish the rescue vehicle for Morin Pt Fire and \$12,000.00 to purchase and install a new generator including a concrete pad. Also \$26,000.00 for a new set of Jaws taking \$5,700.00 from the unallocated contingencies of the Morin Point Fire Department budget, also make up the difference with a line item adjustment. All to be paid for from the equipment millage fund. This dollar amount will all depend on Morin Point Fire Department checking into another set of Jaws from Jim Drager. If Morin Point approves the Jaws and they meet all the standards they will purchase them at a lower cost. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**MORIN POINT FIRE  
DEPT.-JAWS &  
GENERATOR**

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to close the regular meeting at 7:45P.M.

**CLOSE REGULAR  
MEETING**

Supervisor Frey opened the Public Hearing regarding a pond at 11079 Victory Rd. /Matthew Frank at 7:45P.M.. Supervisor Frey noted that all Board members were present.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING-11079  
VICTORY**

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to approve the pond for Matthew Frank at 11079 Victory Rd., according to plans presented and pond must comply with the regulations of our ordinance. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**POND APPROVAL**

Treasurer Baum reminded the contractor Mr. Wright that he would need to post a \$15,000.00 bond and apply for and obtain a Zoning Permit.

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to close the public hearing on the pond at 11079 Victory Rd., 58-05-003-013-40. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CLOSE PUBLIC  
HEARING-11079  
VICTORY**

Supervisor Frey opened the Public Hearing concerning keeping of small animals located at 1926 Substation/John & Brenda Parrish @7:50 P.M. Supervisor Frey noted that all Board members are present.

**OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING-1926  
SUBSTATION**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to approve the keeping of small livestock not to exceed twelve (12) at 1925 Substation parcel#58-05-020-017-00 as presented. Motion carried, all in favor.

**PARRISH-KEEPING  
OF SMALL ANIMALS**

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to close the public hearing 1926 Substation, keeping of small animals. Motion carried all in favor.

**CLOSE PUBLIC  
HEARING**

Supervisor Frey re-opened the regular meeting at 7:55P.M. Supervisor Frey noted that all Board members are present.

**RE-OPEN REGULAR  
MEETING**

Baum moved, supported by Cousino to accept and place on file the letter from Michael Schwab-6201 Grandview concerning the condition of the road pavement in front of his home. Motion carried, all in favor.

**MICHAEL SCHWAB  
6201 GRANDVIEW**

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Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to approve James Worley and Joshua Mulinix for the position of Firefighter and Elizabeth Murphy for the position of Dispatcher and First Responder for the Morin Pt Fire Dept. contingent on each of them passing the physical agility test, physical exam and background checks at which time they will be approved for the customary 2yr. probationary period. Motion carried, all in favor.

**MORIN POINT-NEW  
FIREFIGHTERS**

Upchurch moved, supported by Baum to fore-go publishing the Fall Edition of the Township Newsletter. The next edition will be published in the Spring of 2010. Businesses that paid for ads will be contacted and advised that the ads will be in the Spring 2010 newsletter. Motion carried, all in favor.

**FALL TOWNSHIP  
NEWSLETTER**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to table the issue of cost recovery for Deborah Hass until the October Board meeting to get a copy of the Police report, detailing the accident, and a copy of the cost recovery contract to see what percentage they keep for each incident. Motion carried, all in favor.

**DEBORAH HASS-  
COST RECOVERY**

Grodi moved, supported by Baum to make the last payment for major Fire Equipment Bond early, in the amount of \$113,636.76 with a check dated 9-9-09. It will be a savings of \$2,675.45 to the Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**MAJOR FIRE  
EQUIPMENT BOND**

- Gary Kinsey asked the status of the Luna Pier Truck Depot. Supervisor Frey stated that the property has been cleaned up and the bond issue is in litigation. The court will decide who gets the bond money that Erie Township is still holding.
- Garry Kinsey also asked about blight follow up and completion specifically a pole barn issue that has been on going. Treasurer Baum suggested that he come in to the Township office and speak with our Building and Zoning official Mike Demski about his concerns.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to raise the two part time Police Officers hours to 36 hours per week through December 31, 2009 and revisit the budget at the January 2010 Township Board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to approve checks #22270-22352 in the amount of \$117,103.50 as well as Trust & Agency check #912 in the amount of \$1,625.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor

**BILLS APPROVAL**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10p.m. Motion carried all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Respectfully Submitted

Jolene Upchurch  
Erie Township Clerk

Diane LaPlante  
Recording Secretary