

TOWNSHIP BOARD

ERIE TOWNSHIP
Erie, Michigan

Regular Meeting
March 24, 2009

Supervisor William Frey at the Township Office, 2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI, called the Regular Meeting March 24 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

Also present was Attorney Phil Goldsmith.

Baum moved, supported by Cousino to accept and place on file the consent agenda. Motion carried, all in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Baum moved, supported by Grodi to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-11. Motion carried, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to accept the training requirements to become an Erie Firefighter.

**ERIE FIRE DEPT
REQUIREMENTS**

Baum moved, supported by Grodi to approve the wording for the Law Enforcement Millage Proposal to be placed on the August 4, 2009 Ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote, majority in favor. Grodi-yes, Baum-yes, Cousino-yes, Frey-no, Upchurch-yes

**POLICE
PROTECTION
PROPOSAL**

Upchurch moved, supported by Cousino to table the Police Budget/Pension issue so that other options could be looked into for discussion at next month's meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**POLICE
BUDGET/PENSION**

- A letter from Chief Hines was read requesting that the Police Department employees no longer be part of the Township pension plan to help rectify a \$27,000.00 shortfall in the Police budget for this fiscal year (2008-2009). The letter also stated that he would cut four hours a week from each of the part time personnel and eliminate any overtime for the remainder of the fiscal year. Discussion was held with questions and answers with the Township attorney Phil Goldsmith. Goldsmith stated that the Police Department needs to be perfectly clear that getting out of the Pension plan in no way is a guaranteed of their jobs. Everything will depend on the revenue that is received to the Township. Phil Nantz -Township Labor attorney, Burnham and Flower-(Pension Company) and Randy Mason, FOP Labor attorney for the Police Department were all consulted in regards to this pension matter.

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Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to deny the waiver of Police fees for Karen Derner, and provide her with a copy of the police report to submit to her insurance company. Motion carried, all in favor.

**REQUEST TO WAIVE
FEES FOR POLICE
SERVICE**

Cousino moved, supported by Upchurch to have Building Inspector Mike Demski create a spec sheet for the automatic doors so the bids will be more consistent with what the Township needs. Motion carried, all in favor.

**BIDS FOR
AUTOMATIC DOORS**

Upchurch moved, supported by Baum to table the Policy on Pamphlets from Attorney Phil Goldsmith until the April 7, 2009 meeting so the Board can review the material. Motion carried all in favor.

**POLICY ON
PAMPHLETS IN THE
TOWNSHIP**

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to accept the Monroe County Road Commission contracts for mowing in the amount of \$11418.00, and Excess Gradall, with the condition that it is calculated at cost per foot. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**MCRC CONTRACT
EXCESS GRADALL,
MOWING**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to approve Sue Smith's request to roll over 5 vacation days. Motion carried, all in favor

**SUE SMITH -ROLL
OVER 5 VACATION
DAYS**

Upchurch moved, supported by Baum to proclaim April-Month of the Young Child as requested by Southern Wayne-Monroe County (AEYC) Association for the Education of Young Children. Motion carried all in favor.

**APRIL- MONTH OF
THE YOUNG CHILD**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to appoint Michael Grodi as the Erie Township representative to the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority. Motion carried, all in favor

**APPOINTMENT-
MONROE COUNTY
EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
AUTHORITY**

Baum moved, supported by Cousino to move the Township Board meeting from April 14, 2009 to April 7, 2009, the Clerk will be out of town on the 14th. Motion carried, all in favor.

**APRIL BOARD
MEETING DATE
CHANGE**

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to table the lawn cutting bids until the April 7, 2009 meeting, to give the Clerk time to get references from the companies whom submitted bids. Motion carried, all in favor.

MOWING BIDS

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to have the Clerk publish a notice for bids for removal of noxious weeds. Motion carried, all in favor.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to accept the recommendation from the Compensation Commission for 2009-2010. The Commission stated that it is not feasible to recommend salary increases at this time for Township Officials (Erie Township Board).

**COMPENSATION
COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to accept the application of Sean Murphy to the Morin Point Fire Department with 2 years of probation.

**SEAN MURPHY-
MORIN POINT FRE**

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Motion carried, all in favor.

DEPT.

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to approve the General fund checks #21696-21826 in the amount of \$361,417.92, and Trust and Agency check #891 in the amount of \$6,610.83. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

BILLS APPROVAL

Baum moved, supported by Cousino to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Upchurch
Erie Township Clerk

Diane LaPlante
Recording Secretary