

TOWNSHIP BOARD

ERIE TOWNSHIP
Erie, Michigan

Regular Meeting
December 8, 2009

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

Also present was Township Attorney Phil Goldsmith.

Baum moved, supported by Grodi 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 #1-6. Motion carried, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Public Comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to accept Nicholas Groesbeck to the Erie Fire Department with the usual 2 year probationary period. He has completed the application process. Motion carried, all in favor.

**ERIE FIRE
DEPARTMENT-
NICHOLAS
GROESBECK**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to accept the recommendation for the officers of the Erie Fire Department as presented. Motion carried, all in favor.

**ERIE FIRE
DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS**

Cousino moved, supported by Upchurch to accept and place on file the information supplied by Lake Erie Housing Inspections. We will continue having our building official handle these issues under the Township property maintenance ordinance. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CONTRACTING
RENTAL HOUSING
INSPECTIONS**

Cousino moved, supported by Baum to adopt the Storm Water Resolution provided by the Monroe County Drain Commission as presented, also to dissolve the Storm Water Management Committee and have Supervisor Frey be the new contact person for the Township Storm Water Management Permit. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**STORM WATER
COMMITTEE**

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Cousino moved, supported by Upchurch to table the repairs to the Edgewood culvert until the January 2010 Board meeting. Motion carried, on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**EDGEWOOD ROAD
CULVERT**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to enter into an employment agreement with Chief Tony Konopka with the pay rate being adjusted to read \$24.13 per hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote, majority in favor, Frey, yes, Baum, no, Cousino, yes, Grodi, yes, Upchurch, no.

**CHIEF KONOPKA
EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT**

Grodi moved, supported by Baum to approve the payment for membership fees for TMACOG in the amount of \$827.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote majority in favor, Grodi, yes, Baum, yes, Cousino, no, Frey, yes, Upchurch, no.

TAMCOG

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to waive the fee for the VFW fence permit and in the future waive fees for non profit organizations, if it is at no cost to the Township, directing exact wording for a policy to be adopted be available for next month's Board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**WAIVE VFW PERMIT
FEES**

Grodi moved, supported by Baum to adopt the Liquor permit resolution for the Frog leg Inn as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**FROG LEG INN
LIQUOR PERMIT**

Upchurch stated that the wording in the resolution is considered-general wording. Attorney Phil Goldsmith stated that it is advisory only with no authorization for topless dancing.

Baum stated the premium went up 27%. Frey stated that we need to look into it more. Baum suggested paying the January premium and decide what to do before February.

**BURNHAM AND
FLOWER HEALTH
BENEFITS**

Upchurch moved, supported by Baum to adopt the Noise ordinance #115-A to repeal Noise Ordinance #115 contingent on Attorney Phil Goldsmith making the changes to the wording in the first paragraph reflecting these changes. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to go into closed session for pending litigation. Roll was called. Motion carried, all in favor. Township Attorney Phil Goldsmith also went into closed session. The regular meeting was closed at 7:51 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION**

Supervisor Frey re-opened the regular meeting at 8:32 P.M. noting that all Board members are present. Also present Township Attorney Phil Goldsmith.

**RE-OPEN REGULAR
MEETING**

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Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to accept and implement the proposed settlement agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote, majority in favor, Cousino, no, Grodi, yes, Baum, yes, Upchurch, yes, Frey, yes.

**IMPLEMENT
PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

- Garry Kinsey questioned the follow up of blight in the Township. Specifically the property on S. Dixie Highway south of Sterns with all the old vehicles and 4 poles that are the start of a pole barn.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Baum moved, supported by Cousino to approve payment of checks #22495-22574 totaling \$201,433.12 with add ons of checks #22637-22644 for a grand total of \$205,301.92. Also Trust and Agency checks #916-918 totaling \$4,254.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

BILLS APPROVAL

Upchurch moved, supported by Cousino to adjourn the meeting @ 8:38 p.m. Motion carried, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted

Jolene Upchurch
Erie Township Clerk

Diane LaPlante
Recording Secretary

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