

**TOWNSHIP BOARD**

ERIE TOWNSHIP  
Erie, Michigan

Regular Meeting  
October 13, 2009

Supervisor William Frey at the Township Office, 2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI, called the Regular Meeting October 13, 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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Grodi moved, supported by Baum to approve and place on file correspondence items #1-7. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- No Public Comments at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Baum moved, supported by Grodi to accept the 2008-2009 Audit. Motion carried, all in favor.

**2008-2009 AUDIT**

Don McGuire of Mc Guire & Mc Dole Certified Public Accountants presented the 2008-2009 Audit Report and answered any questions.

Upchurch moved, supported by Baum to appoint Tony Konopka to the position of Chief of Police conditional on him signing the employment contract required by the Township Department Heads, also to include the pay freeze incurred by all Township employees. He will continue at his current hourly rate of pay. Motion carried, on a roll call vote, majority in favor- Cousino- yes, Baum-yes, Frey-yes, Grodi-no, Upchurch-yes.

**POLICE CHIEF  
POSITION**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to deny the waiving of the cost recovery charges for Debora Hass' accident on 12-7-08. Motion carried, all in favor. **CORRECTION-Motion carried, Majority in favor. Frey-yes, Baum-yes, Cousino-no, Grodi-yes, Upchurch-yes.**

**DEBORA HASS  
COST RECOVERY**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to award the 2009-2010 snow plowing contract to Danny Taylor Excavating per the snow plow bid submitted. Motion carried, on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**2009-2010 SNOW  
PLOWING  
CONTRACT**

Baum moved, supported by Grodi to direct the Supervisor to sign the contract presented by Great Lakes Comnet (GLC) for the Metro Fiber Route. Motion carried, on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**GREAT LAKES  
COMNET METRO  
FIBER ROUTE**

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Cousino moved, supported by Baum to table the Edgewood Road Culvert until the next Township Board meeting. The Supervisor will check with the Monroe County Drain Commissioner to see if they are responsible for any of the cost for this project. Motion carried, all in favor.

**EDGEWOOD ROAD  
CULVERT**

- Cheryl Vascik questioned the board about being happy with 3 Officers on the Police force and asked where the cops were on Labor Day Weekend. Chief Konopka stated that we had coverage until 1 a.m. Baum stated that with 3 Officers we are within the Police budget. Frey stated that the Police Department has to work within their budget. Baum reminded us that the Police millage that was just voted on will go into effect December of 2010 and will be on the winter tax bills of 2010
- Cheryl Vascik asked if the Township Attorney was to be used for residential matters, referring to the 9-11-09 court matter with our Dangerous Buildings Official-Bill Jacobs. Baum stated that the person involved was at the meeting as a Township Official on Township business when the incident took place which led to the 9-11-09 court date. Cousino stated that any Township Official can use the Township Attorney for Township business.
- Kevin Cousino asked if the speed sign in the Police garage could be brought out and used. Frey stated that is a good point.
- Anthony Russo mentioned that the newspaper stated if the Police millage passed we would get another Officer on the Police Department. Baum stated that it was a misquote on the newspaper's part.
- Cheryl Vascik asked if there is a Police schedule and when do we have coverage. Upchurch stated that yes there is a monthly Police Department schedule and when our Officers are not on duty the Monroe County Sheriffs Department covers.
- Gary Wilmoth stated that we never had 24/7 coverage even when we had 6 full time Officers.
- Kevin Cousino asked that the Township Board follow up with Chief Konopka and get the speed sign out in the Township.
- Baum stated that revenue sharing continues to be cut, but these cuts were anticipated and we are within budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to approve payment of checks #22353-22445 in the amount of \$263,138.27 and Trust & Agency check #913-915 totaling \$8,558.84. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**BILLS APPROVAL**

Baum moved, supported by Upchurch to adjourn the meeting @ 7:55 p.m. Motion carried all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Respectfully Submitted

Jolene Upchurch  
Erie Township Clerk

Diane LaPlante  
Recording Secretary