

TOWNSHIP BOARD

ERIE TOWNSHIP

Erie, Michigan

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Supervisor William Frey at the Township Office, 2065 Erie Road, Erie, MI, called the Regular Meeting April 10, 2017 of the Erie Township Board to order at 6:58 PM. The roll was called and Pledge of Allegiance said.

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

Bill Frey, Supervisor	Present
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer	Absent-Excused
Jolene Upchurch, Clerk	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Present
Shawn Cousino, Trustee	Present

Danny Taylor said the opening prayer.

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to approve the consent agenda items #1-5 waiving the reading, Motion carried, all in favor.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

None at this time.

CORRESPOND.

Upchurch moved, supported by Grodi to approve General Fund Checks #30550-30626 including ACH & EFT checks #191-192 totaling \$94,557.94 Plus Trust and Agency check #1463-1468 totaling \$642.04. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

BILLS APPROVAL

None at this time.

ASK THE CHEIF

- Diane LaPlante read a letter to the Township Board stating that she would be retiring on June 2, 2017. She asked for five (5) days of sick time to be paid to her when she retires.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to treat Diane as a full time employee for the purpose of the sick pay. Motion carried, all in favor.

**EMPLOYEE SICK
TIME**

- Bill Jacobs commented that Mike Grodi, Deputy Supervisor, has been working numerous hours without compensation, during Mr. Frey's absence.
- Mr. Frey said he will adjust his budget this fiscal to accommodate the Deputy Supervisor position.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to amend the agenda to include item #23 - tall grass enforcement and #24 - Diane LaPlante retirement. Motion carried, all in favor.

**AGENDA
AMENDED
ITEMS 23 & 24**

Township copiers were tabled until budget meetings.

**TOWNSHIP &
POLICE COPIERS**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to reinstate Donald Smith to the Erie Fire Department. Motion carried, all in favor.

**DONALD SMITH
REINSTATEMENT**

Frey moved, supported by Grodi to grant Shawn Cousino a leave of absence from Erie Fire Department. Motion carried, all in favor.

**SHAWN COUSINO
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

Cousino moved, supported by Frey to accept the application of Noah Brancheau to the Erie Fire Department with the usual two (2) year probationary period. Motion carried, all in favor.

**NOAH
BRANCHEAU
APPLICATION**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to accept the bids from Brint Electric as presented for all three (3) lighting upgrade projects. Township Hall and Library in the amount of (\$21,260.00) twenty one thousand, two hundred and sixty dollars. Morin Point Fire Dept in the amount of (\$8,340.00) eight thousand, three hundred and forty dollars. Erie Fire Dept in the amount of (\$6,350.00) six thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**TOWNSHIP HALL,
LIBRARY, MORIN
POINT FIRE
DEPT, AND ERIE
FIRE DEPT.
LIGHTING
UPGRADE**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to approve the site plan for George Gregorie 10681 Victory Rd., Erie, Mi. as presented to make permanent (2) two, (40) forty foot containers on the property. Motion carried, all in favor.

**GEORGE
GREGORIE SITE
PLAN FOR
CONTAINERS
AND PERMIT FOR
TENT-10681
VICTORY RD.**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to approve the application for George Gregoire for a tent for temporary retail sales at 10681 Victory Rd. Erie, Mi. from June 22, 2017 thru July 8, 2017. Motion carried, all in favor.

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to grant request for a seasonal outdoor service permit for Frog Leg Inn 2103Manhattan, Erie, Mi. Motion carried, all in favor.

**FROG LEG INN
SEASONAL
OUTDOOR USE**

Grodi moved, supported by Frey to accept the proposal from Consumers Power to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract for street lights changing them to LED. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**CONSUMERS
ENERGY STREET
LIGHTS**

Frey moved, supported by Grodi to accept the quote of (\$239.99) two hundred thirty nine dollars and ninety nine cents, for a new battery backup for the server. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**AFFINITY IT
GROUP-SERVER
BATTERY BACK
UP**

Frey moved, supported by Grodi to wave the permit fees for CDBG Case #180-015. Motion carried, all in favor.

**CDBG PERMIT
FEES**

Frey moved, supported by Upchurch to change our Direct Deposit carrier to MB&T with the fees provided. Motion carried on a roll call vote, Frey - Yes, Cousino - Yes, Upchurch - Yes, Grodi - Abstained

**MB&T DIRECT
DEPOSIT FEES**

Grodi moved, supported by Frey to set up an auction for township equipment on line with payment through Pay-Pal. Motion carried, all in favor.

**TOWNSHIP
EQUIPMENT
AUCTION**

Township front Landscaping for was tabled for more information

**TOWNSHIP
FRONT
LANDSCAPING**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to allow the police dept. to carry Narcan with them. This will be provided at no cost to the department. Motion carried, all in favor.

**POLICE DEPT.
NARCAN**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to hire Parker Gutschow as a Motor Carrier Officer on a trial basis for one year at (\$19.00) nineteen dollars an hour for 32-36 hours per week. Contingent on the ordinance from the attorney. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**PARKER
GUTSCHOW
MOTOR CARRIER
OFFICER**

Frey moved, supported by Grodi to promote Officer Brett Ansel to the position of Lieutenant with a raise in pay to (\$23.00) twenty three dollars an hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**BRETT ANSEL
PROMOTION**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to accept the proposal, as presented, from Access & Alarm, Inc. for (\$1,441.60) one thousand, four hundred forty one dollars and sixty cents, for the interrogation room. The current camera will also be utilized. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**POLICE AUDIO &
VISUAL SYSTEM
IN BASEMENT**

Grodi moved, supported by Frey to renew membership in SEMCOG for 2017 in the amount of (\$371.00) three hundred seventy one dollars.. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**SEMCOG
MEMBERSHIP**

Upchurch moved, supported by Frey to have Mike Grodi handle the Tall Grass Enforcement while Mike Demski Building/Zoning Official is on sick leave. Motion carried, all in favor.

**TALL GRASS
ENFORCEMENT**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to accepted, with regret, Diane LaPlante retirement letter. Motion carried, all in favor

**DIANE LAPLANTE
RETIREMENT**

Cousino moved, supported by Grodi to grant Diane (5) five paid days of sick time upon her retirement. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**DIANE LAPLANTE
SICK TIME**

- Cheryl Vasik had comments for the Clerk and Trustee Grodi.
- Gary Kinsey had comments about the tennis courts at Maplewood park.
- Dennis Stark questioned Erie Fire Dept. budget surplus. This will be discussed in budget meetings.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Grodi moved, supported by Cousino to add item #25, Erie IGA zoning application to the agenda. Motion carried, all in favor.

**AMEND AGENDA
ITEM # 25**

Grodi moved, supported by Frey to approve the zoning permit application from Erie IGA , Battah LLC 9875 Dixie Hwy, Erie, Mi., to put a pole barn on the property for storage of non-perishable items. Motion carried, all in favor.

**ERIE IGA -9875
DIXIE HWY-POLE
BARN**

Grodi moved, supported by Upchurch to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolene Upchurch
Township Clerk

Sue Smith
Recording Secretary

