

**Erie Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Erie, Michigan**

January 14, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Clerk Kim Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Danny Taylor offered an opening prayer.

Bill Frey, Supervisor	Absent - Excused
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer	Present
Kim Cousino, Clerk	Present
Gary Wilmoth, Trustee	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Present

Also present was township attorney, Phil Goldsmith.

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to appoint Grodi as chair for the meeting. Motion Carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report, December 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, December 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, December 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, December 2019

Wisbon moved supported by Wilmoth to accept and place on file consent agenda items 1-5 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) PAR Plan News
- 2) FEMA
- 3) EFLE Quarterly Inspection Report of Vienna Junction Landfill
- 4) Block Advisors
- 5) Charter Communications

Cousino moved supported by Wilmoth to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-5 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Andy Shaw – Mason Consolidated Schools Superintendent:**

Mr. Shaw was present and accompanied by school board members and representatives from Plante Moran, P.F.M, and SSOE Group to provide a presentation of the 2020 MCS Bond Proposal of \$38 million; 6.26 mills to be levied over 30 years. An estimated impact on individual taxpayers for bonded debt total per year, ballot language, and two drawings of the proposed new addition and alterations to the existing high school building was provided to the board members and audience. The bond proposal will appear on the March 10, 2020 primary ballot.

**2) Bills Approval:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve checks #33322-#33394 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$147,594.98. Checks #1565-#1566 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,245.00. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

**3) Ask the Chiefs:**

Chief Ansel was asked about the recent break-ins around the township.

**4) Erie Fire Department Officers for 2020:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve the Erie Fire Department Officers for 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

**5) Appointment to CDBG – Tom Sancrant:**

Cousino moved supported by Wilmoth to appoint Tom Sancrant to CDBG. Motion carried.

**6) Mike Demski Vacation Roll-over Request:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to pay-out Mike Demski's vacation instead of rolling it over. Motion carried.

**7) 2020 Road Improvements:**

Discussion was held over the roads that need improvement in the coming year.

Wisbon moved supported by Wilmoth to move forward with repairs to Substation, Temperance, High St., Cady, Michigan, Keeny, and Florence St. as presented by the Monroe County Road Commission, the township share being \$268,795. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**8) Application to Appeal Water Tap Penalties from Robert Wotring, 9834 Streeter:**

Wilmoth moved supported by Cousino to waive the water penalty fee for Robert Wotring. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**9) Request from Luna Pier Chief Ansel to Purchase a Radio:**

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to sell a radio to Luna Pier for \$250. Motion carried.

**10) Resignation of Erie Firemen John Goodin & Sean Strickler:**

Wisbon moved supported by Wilmoth to accept with regrets the resignations of John Goodin and Sean Strickler from Erie Fire Department. Motion carried.

**11) Amendment to Section 13.2 Information Technology Committee of Personal Policy & Procedure Manual:**

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to approve the change section 13.2 of the personnel policy and procedure manual as presented. Motion carried.

**12) Grodi Rd. Drain Tile:**

Discussion was held over the location and condition of the drain tile at the dead end of Grodi Rd. off of Erie Rd.

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to approve the cross tile replacement at the end of Grodi Rd. in the amount of \$3,971. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**13) Township Hall Wall Repair and Painting Estimate:**

And estimate to patch and paint the walls around the township hall was received from Chris Schoonmaker. Discussion was held. No action taken at this time.

**14) Closed Session with Legal Council to Discuss Michigan Tax Tribunal Docket No. 19-000544; 6298 Suder Ave.; Township Water Line Connection Fee:**

Wilmoth moved supported by Cousino to enter into closed session at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to reconvene in open session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Cousino moved supported by Wilmoth to amend the water ordinance to eliminate the water debt service fee of \$950 and all subsequent fees. Motion carried on a roll call vote, majority in favor. Wilmoth – yes, Frey – absent, Grodi – yes, Cousino – yes, Wisbon – no.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Wilmoth moved supported by Cousino to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion Carried.

Kim Cousino  
Clerk