

**Erie Township Board
Special Meeting
Erie, Michigan**

February 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Frey called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Bill Frey, Supervisor	Present
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer	Present
Kim Cousino, Clerk	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Present
Shawn Cousino, Trustee	Present

Also present was Monroe County Road Commission Managing Director Randy Pierce and Chief Dean Ansel.

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Cousino to amend the agenda and add item #3: Appointment to Compensation Committee and item #4: AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Contract Extension. Motion carried, all in favor.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1) 2019 Road Improvements:

Monroe County Road Commission Managing Director, Randy Pierce, was present to explain the 2019 road improvement projects and to answer questions from the board.

Mr. Pierce stated that MCRC will be investing \$40 million into county primary roads in their five year plan beginning in 2019, this project will be 100% funded by MCRC.

Grodi asked who is responsible for maintaining the roads. Mr. Pierce answered that the primary roads are the responsibility of MCRC and the local roads are the responsibility of MCRC and Townships; MTF funds can be used towards local roads with a maximum contribution of 50% of the total project cost.

Discussion was held regarding Dean Rd. and Substation Rd. the estimated project cost is \$670,776. C. Wisbon explained to Mr. Pierce that the Township budgets \$240,000 a year for road improvements. The roads are unsafe; something has to be done to improve them at a more reasonable cost.

Mr. Pierce explained the different options for the roads; the most expensive option is to trench, crush and shape, 2 inch HMA leveling, 1.75 HMA Surface – this will give us a twenty year road, Mr. Pierce compared it to “building a highway” and would advise the township to follow up with a chip seal the following year to preserve the roads.

The second option would be to turn the roads to stone by trenching, crushing and shaping; this cost is roughly \$305,000 for both Dean and Substation. Board members expressed concern about turning the road to stone and the maintenance. Mr. Pierce stated the road commission maintains stone roads by grading as needed and chloride applications; the township is only responsible for the cost of chloride applications.

After further discussion, Mr. Pierce stated Whiteford Township is approaching similar roads in their jurisdiction by crushing and shaping, or stabilizing, and then applying a single chip seal. Whiteford maintains these roads with a chip seal every 3-5 years.

K. Cousino stated the road commission received \$20 million in MTF funds and the road commission budgeted \$500,000 for local road improvements for 2019 which is divided amongst fifteen townships. The question was asked if the road commission plans on budgeting more funds for local road projects in the future. Mr. Pierce stated he is unsure at this time. Mr. Pierce stated he will go back to his board and ask if there is anything more the road commission can do to help Erie Township on improving Dean Rd. and Substation Rd. and will report back.

2) Shared Data Agreement with County of Monroe and Other Agencies:

Grodi stated the current reporting system that is used by law enforcement agencies will no longer be supported, becoming obsolete. Monroe County has presented a shared data system to the different agencies in the county. A shared data system agreement has been drafted by the county and an outline of the cost to the different jurisdictions. Erie Township’s share of the project is \$29,345 (2.3% of the total project cost). This is a onetime payment due in 2020. In 2021-22 an annual maintenance fee of \$2,461 will be due; the fee will increase at a rate of 5% per year. Grodi stated the county is asking jurisdictions with a police department to decide whether or not they will commit to entering into an agreement with them so they can proceed with project.

Grodi moved supported by S. Cousino to enter the shared services agreement with Monroe County and Zuercher Software shared data services. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

3) Appointment to Compensation Committee:

Rich Russell expressed interest in joining the compensation committee to Bill Frey and Kim Cousino. Rich recently purchased a home on Matty Drive, he will be moving to Erie from Luna Pier. K. Cousino stated the members of the committee are to be registered electors of the township.

Grodi moved supported by S. Cousino to appoint Rich Russell to the compensation committee contingent upon Rich meeting the requirement of living in Erie. Motion carried, all in favor.

4) AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Contract Extension:

K. Cousino stated she received an email from AT&T that the Metro Act Permit Extension is due for renewal. Discussion was held over the request to extend the permit. Decision was tabled to give more time to gather information from AT&T regarding their request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Grodi moved to adjourn S. Cousino supported. Motion carried, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Cousino
Clerk