

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

March 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Also present was recording Secretary Jackie Cowdrey.

M. Grodi motioned to amend agenda and add item # 12 – Chief Dean Ansel Vacation Pay Out request. #13 6298 Suder Ave. CDBG Delinquent Tax Discussion. C. Wisbon Supported. All in favor. Motion Carried

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting; February 26, 2019 Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report, February 2019
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, February 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, February 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, February 2019

M. Grodi motioned to approve and place on file consent agenda items 1-5 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Motion carried, all in favor.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map from FEMA
- 2) Farmland Development Rights Agreements from State of Michigan
- 3) Charter Communications

M. Grodi motioned to approve correspondence item 1-3 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried, all in favor.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #32475 - # 32553 from the general fund including payroll ACH and EFT #236 in the amount of \$110,892.25. Nothing from Trust and Agency account. M. Grodi supported the motion. Roll called. C. Wisbon - Yes, S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, Grodi – Yes. Motion Carried.

Resident Diane LaPlante questioned the reason for the voided checks. J. Cowdrey stated that the payroll date was wrong so the whole series had to be voided.

2) Ask the Chief:

D. LaPlante questioned finances in budget regarding frost laws. Dean stated they will be strongly enforced and that there isn't a problem with the budget.

Mr. Carey stated that at Sterns rd and 125 when truck makes turn he is committed. He asked if there could be a sign placed on 125 saying no left turn south and no right turn going north. Dean stated board decision not a chief's. B. Frey stated that is a road commission under uniform traffic code.

3) Officer of the Year Recognition; Officer Cody Carena:

Chief Dean Ansel took time to recognize Officer Cody Carena for receiving Officer of the Year for 2019. This decision was based on both his police service and his military service which includes a recent deployment to Cuba. On February 14, 2019 Monroe County Exchange Club honored Officer Carena. This is the second Erie Officer in the 6 years that the Monroe County Exchange Club has been recognizing officers.

4) Life Saving Award; Officers Cody Carena and Josh Owen:

On 2/16/19 Chief Dean stated that Officer Carena and Officer Owen were dispatched to a home on Substation for a 36 year old subject that was unresponsive with no pulse and not breathing. The male was lifeless. There was a female at the resident who was frantically attempting to perform CPR. It was unknown how long the subject had been down or why he had collapsed. Officer Carena and Officer Owen took over performing CPR. With

their quick thinking they administered two doses of Narcan and the 36 year old male came back to life. Chief stated, “One more person has been given a second chance at life. We’ve all been affected by a drug crisis. Thank you Officer Carena and Officer Owen.”

C. Wisbon thanked the police department on behalf of the board for their outstanding service to the community.

5) Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy:

S. Cousino motioned to adopt the Fixed Asset Capitalization policy as presented. M. Grodi supported. Roll Called. S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

6) AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension:

B. Frey recommended the renewal of the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit. C. Wisbon motioned to renew permit as presented with the expiration date of 1/31/2024. M. Grodi Supported. Motion Carried.

7) Dust Control Contract with MCRC:

M. Grodi motioned to enter into contract with MCRC for Dust Control. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes, S. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

8) Roadside Mowing Contract with MCRC:

M. Grodi motioned to enter into contract with MCRC for Mowing. S. Cousino supported. Roll Called. M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes, S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes. Motion Carried.

9) SEMCOG Delegate and Alternate Designation:

M. Grodi motioned to appoint K. Cousino as SEMCOG Delegate and C. Wisbon as Alternate. S. Cousino supported the motion. Roll Called. M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes, S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes. Motion Carried.

10) Race For The Kids:

S. Cousino motioned to approve zoning permit application and road closures as presented. Waiving the permit fee. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes. Motion Carried.

11) Waive Permit Fee for 914 Dixie Ave CDBG:

B. Frey motioned to waive permit fee for CDBG project at 914 Dixie Ave to allow for more funds to be available to complete the project. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

12) Chief Dean Ansel Vacation Payout Request:

M. Grodi motioned to allow Chief Ansel to receive 80 hours of vacation time paid to him. S. Cousino supported. Roll Called. S. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

13) 6298 Sunder Ave – CDBG:

The township recently received notice that the property was being foreclosed on due to unpaid taxes unless taxes were paid up to date by April 1, 2019. The township granted \$6000 along with a \$10000 deferred loan (lien) for the residents to receive necessary home improvements. If the property is foreclosed on the lien will not be paid and the township will not receive their funds back. Discussion was held on whether or not the township should pay the back taxes to protect their investment in the property. Advice was obtained from legal counsel and they suggested that it would not be in the best interest of the township to do so. It would be an improper expenditure of the general fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. Wisbon stated that residents have been calling asking why when traffic is being diverted off expressway why is it being diverted down Sunder Ave. B. Frey stated the diversion should be down Dixie Hwy. Chief Dean Ansel stated that the traffic isn't intentionally diverted down Sunder Ave.

ADJOURNMENT:

S. Cousino moved to adjourn at 7:38 M. Grodi supported All in favor. Motion Carried.

Kim Cousino
Clerk

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary