

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

March 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Clerk Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Diane LaPlante 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

K. Cousino motioned to appoint M. Grodi as chair for the meeting. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from January 23, 2020 Special Meeting; February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting; February 24, 2020 Special Meeting; February 24, 2020 Closed Session; March 3, 2020 Special Meeting; March 3, 2020 Closed Session
- 2) Building Report, February 2020
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, February 2020
- 4) Police and Blight Report, February 2020
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, February 2020

Wisbon motioned to approve and place on file consent agenda items 1-5 waiving the reading. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Charter Communications
- 2) EGLE – High Water Summit
- 3) TMACOG – Upcoming Events

- 4) STC – 2020 Millage Requests and Millage Rollbacks
- 5) Consumers Energy Open House Invitation

Cousino motioned to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-5 waiving the reading. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante stated that the Park Commission will be conducting the Spring park walk-thru on Sunday March 15 at 1:30 p.m. and a meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020; suggested meeting at the Maplewood Park shelter.

Cousino moved to amend agenda adding item #14: Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Monroe County Community College President Kojo Quartey:

Kojo Quartey was not present.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve checks #33474 - #33583 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$467,696.21. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

3) Ask the Chiefs:

Nothing at this time.

4) Lexis Nexis Contractual Agreement:

Cousino motioned to accept the Lexis Nexis updated contractual agreement as presented waiving the reading. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

5 - 6) Race for the Kids Road Closure Request and Resolution:

The Race for the Kids has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

7) Quote from Erie Tree Service to Remove Trees at Erie Union Cemetery:

K. Cousino stated the estimate is to remove 6 cedar pines and 6-7 smaller trees from Union Cemetery, as well as treat the stumps.

Wisbon motioned to approve the quote from Erie Tree Service as presented for Union Cemetery in the amount of \$1,445.00. Wilmoth supported. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor.

8) Purchase Request from Morin Point Fire Department for Three Buoys:

Morin Point Fire Department is requesting approval to purchase three Taylor Made 49 in. x 10 in. Marker Buoys in the amount of \$779.84. K. Cousino stated there are sufficient funds in their budget.

Wisbon motioned to approve the purchase request from Morin Point Fire Department for three buoys in the amount of \$779.84. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

9) Renew Contract with Lajiness Portable Restroom Rentals:

K. Cousino stated the three year contract is expiring with Lajiness Portable Restrooms and recommends renewing the contract for another three years with no change in price.

Wisbon moved to accept the bid and renew the contract with Lajiness Portable Restrooms for three years in the amount of \$600. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

10) Monroe County 800MHz Public Safety Radio System Subscriber Agreement:

Wilmoth moved to accept the Monroe County 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System Subscriber Agreement as presented, waiving the reading. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

11) Hiring of Police Officer:

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of a police officer.

Wilmoth moved to allow Chief Ansel to move forward with the hiring process as he sees fit. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

12) Proposed Changes to Erie Township Building/Zoning Dept. Fee Schedule:

Discussion was held, tabled until next meeting.

13) EMD Sandbag Training Class:

Cousino stated the EMD is hosting numerous opportunities to attend a sandbag class; more information is available for anyone interested.

14) Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant:

Grodi stated the opportunity to apply for the Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant was presented and the deadline to apply was quickly approaching therefore he sent in an

application on behalf of the township. If the township is awarded the grant the township share would be 30%, roughly \$500, to purchase a drinking fountain that allows the re-filling of water bottles. Grodi will bring this back to the board for final approval and acceptance if the township is awarded the grant.

Wilmoth moved to amend the agenda adding item #15: Township Hours. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

15) Township Hours:

Discussion was held regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and recent CDC released guidelines. Wisbon recommends closing the township hall to the public and handling all business by phone, email, resident pick-up and drop-off box.

Grodi moved to allow Kim and Cindy to adjust the office hours and direct staff on reporting to the township hall as they feel is needed. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

Wisbon moved to close the township office to the public until April 5, 2020 or as extended by the Governor. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante asked if the park commission can still hold the scheduled meeting at Maplewood Park. Grodi responded that we should not be encouraging the gathering of many people, use your discretion. Diane also asked that we continue to support local businesses while they are open for carry-out only.

Chief Ansel thanked the citizens for supporting the Police Department and passing the millage.

K. Cousino thanked the election workers.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino moved to adjourn at 7:47 pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk