

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

April 9, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the 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	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Present
Shawn Cousino, Trustee	Present

Grodi moved supported by S. Cousino to amend the agenda adding item #12 – Dan’s Excavating request. Motion carried.

K. Cousino moved supported by Grodi to amend the agenda adding item #13 – MCRC revised contract. Motion carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from March 8, 2019 Special Meeting; March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report, March 2019
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, March 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, March 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, March 2019

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

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Draft of Planning Commission March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Draft of Park Commission March 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Invitation to 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Planning and Zoning Seminar

K. Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-3 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None at this time.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #32554 - #32646 from the general fund including payroll ACH and EFT #237 - #239 in the amount of \$208,964.73; Checks #1542 - #1545 from Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,233.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**2) Ask the Chief:**

Chief not present.

**3)Dustin Drabek – Decker Agency; Review Insurance Appraisal:**

Dustin Drabek was present from the Decker Agency and presented the township with the completed appraisal performed on the township property and assets. Dustin expressed that the township is currently in a great position in regards to the amount of insurance that is currently provided. Discussion was held over the appraisal and the suggestions made by the insurance agency. Dustin stated that the township board does not have to take action on the coverage increases, they are only suggestions.

**4) Request To Sponsor Mason Youth Ball:**

A request has been received to sponsor a youth ball league. Frey stated this is not a lawful township expenditure.

**5) SEMCOG Membership Renewal:**

S. Cousino moved supported by Grodi to renew the SEMCOG annual membership not to exceed \$385.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**6) Back Pay Request for Police Officers:**

K. Cousino stated that at the beginning of the current budget year the officers agreed to a pay freeze to allow for the addition of Officer Owen to the department; staffing has since been reduced. Members have a spreadsheet of breakdown per officer; the back pay totals \$3,139.76.

Wisbon moved supported by Grodi to honor the back pay to officers as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**7) MCRC Dust Control Contract - Streeter:**

Grodi moved supported by Wisbon to adopt the dust control contract for Streeter for \$200 with MCRC as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**8) Request to Waive EFD Cost Recovery Fees:**

Mr. Sikula was in an accident on 8/08/2018 which EFD responded to. Mr. Sikula received a bill for cost recovery in the amount of \$2,505.36. He is asking that this fee be waived as his auto insurance is denying coverage. Chief Dennis Stark was present and stated that it is his department's recommendation to waive the fee.

Grodi moved supported by Wisbon to waive cost recovery fees. Motion carried.

**9) MTA Request for Discussion Regarding Nonpartisan Issues:**

K. Cousino stated she received an email from MTA requesting township's to discuss and possibly adopt a resolution in support or opposition to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.

Discussion was held.

**10) Resolution In Support or Opposition to Legislation That Would Allow Township Boards The Option to Have Its Elected Offices Appear As Nonpartisan on the Ballot:**

Grodi moved to adopt the resolution in support to legislation allowing elected offices to appear nonpartisan on the ballot. Motion died for lack of support.

**11) Dilapidated and Dangerous Buildings:**

Building Official Michael Demski provided a list of dangerous and dilapidated structures in the township. Discussion was held over the dangerous building procedures and Erie Township ordinance #62.

Grodi moved supported by S. Cousino to direct the building official to take necessary steps to correct repair of listed buildings. Motion carried.

**12) Dan's Excavating Request:**

K. Cousino read a letter received from Dan's Excavating requesting a noise/dust ordinance waiver prior to the start of construction on I-75.

S. Cousino moved supported by Frey to grant the noise/dust ordinance waiver to Dan's Excavating. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**13) MCRC Revised Contract:**

K. Cousino stated she was contacted by Shawn Satterfield from MCRC, the HMA bids came in much higher than expected and the chip seal material bids came in lower. The HMA bid for Dean Rd. came in over 10% than the contract already approved by the township board. The first contract for Dean Rd. was for \$273,099 the new contract is for \$278,879; the township share being \$267,725. The bid for Rauch Rd. came in less than estimated; overall the township has a net increase in the amount of \$244 for road improvements.

K. Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to accept the revised MCRC contract for Dean Rd. as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Two residents spoke in regards to the dangerous buildings in the township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Grodi moved supported by S. Cousino to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

Kim Cousino  
Clerk