

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

May 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Clerk Cousino called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Request from Ken Trabbic to haul fill dirt to farm on Sterns Rd.:

K. Cousino stated she has contacted MCRC and obtained a list of requirements that Mr. Trabbic needs to meet in order for permission to allow trucks on Sterns Rd. to be granted by MCRC. Mr. Trabbic was present and is unsure if he will be getting the dirt from the solar project now.

Wilmoth moved, supported by Wisbon, to approve subject to Mr. Trabbic providing information requested by MCRC. Motion carried.

2) Glass divider for font counter:

Grodi stated he received three estimates for a glass divider to be installed at the front counter of the township hall and recommends Toledo Mirror & Glass as they have a reasonable price, \$662, and can begin work by the end of this week or early next week.

Wilmoth moved, supported by Cousino, to proceed with Toledo Mirror and Glass. Motion carried, on a roll call vote all in favor.

Wisbon moved, supported by Wilmoth, to waive permit fees if required. Motion carried.

3) Monroe County Environmental Grant: Public water refilling station:

Grodi stated that the township has been awarded the grant for the drinking fountain refilling station. The township's in-kind match will be installation which will be completed by the library maintenance man, Rob, at no monetary cost to the township. The grant award is \$1100.

Cousino moved, supported by Wilmoth, to accept the grant from Monroe County Environmental Fund for a public water refilling station. Motion carried.

4) South Erie Park flooding

Wilmoth stated that the tile currently in place at South Erie Park that leads to the pumping station is in need of replacement, a quote from Kuhlman Corp. has been obtained for 560 ft. of 10 in. pipe in the amount of \$3136. A shut-off valve would also be installed to the tile that runs through the dike wall, which will be reinforced with cement. Wilmoth stated after discussion with Danny Taylor the project should cost no more than \$10,000.

Cousino moved, supported by Wisbon, to allocate \$10,000 from Township Hall and Grounds Improvement line for South Erie Park project for tile installation, labor, and material cost. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

Discussion was held over contracting with an engineer. Grodi obtained a proposal from Spicer Group and Wilmoth will contact Mannik and Smith to request a formal proposal for services in regards to addressing further drainage/flooding issues at South Erie Park.

5) Assessing contract:

Discussion was held over the assessing services being provided to the township. Concerns were addressed over the Republic Service Tax Appeal, productivity, and completion of time sensitive tasks.

Wilmoth moved, supported by Cousino, to appoint Cindy and Mike to complete a performance review with Kathy, the board will re-assess the services in August. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

6) 2020 Reduction fraction:

The 2020 Millage reduction fraction computation sheet was presented to the board for review. A correction needed to be made to the 2020 taxable value, this was discussed with Equalization Director Mike Woolford, Township Attorney Phil Goldsmith, and Assessor Kathy McElroy; Wisbon will follow up.

7) 2020-2021 Budget:

A 2020-2021 budget was provided to board members, not all departments have submitted their request. Discussion was held over various departments, not all departments and funds were addressed. Chief Ansel was present to discuss the law enforcement budget request as well as the 2019-2020 budget and concerns of going over budget on certain lines.

Wilmoth moved, supported by Grodi, to allow the treasurer to make internal budget transfers to the 2019 -2020 law enforcement budget. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grodi stated he was contacted by Jim Trainor inquiring about when the men's ball league will be allowed to begin their season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grodi supplied the board with CDC recommendation not to participate in organized activities or sports. It was discussed that the board is not taking park reservations. Chief Ansel stated the law enforcement department is acting on a complaint made basis.

Next budget meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Wilmoth moved, supported by Cousino, to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk