

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

May 14, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, May 14, 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
Shawn Cousino	Absent - Excused
Kim Cousino, Clerk	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Absent - Excused

Also present was recording Secretary Jackie Cowdrey.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report, April 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, April 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, April 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, April 2019

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

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Vienna Junction Industrial Park Sanitary Landfill Second Quarter Inspection
- 2) Charter Communications
- 3) Monroe County Building Activities Report
- 4) Draft of April Planning Commission Minutes
- 5) Draft of April Park Commission Minutes

K. Cousino motioned to approve correspondence item 1-5 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Residents of the Adeline Subdivision were present to address flooding issues. Photos of flooding were presented to the board. The issue was discussed. B. Frey stated he would contact the drain commissioner.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #32647 - # 32722 from the general fund including payroll ACH and EFT #240-#241 in the amount of \$127,482.70. Check # 1546 - #1551 from Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$8,062.77. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll called. C. Wisbon – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino - Yes. Motion Carried.

**2) Ask the Chiefs:**

None at this time

**3)Michigan Association of Planning Membership Renewal:**

Cousino motioned to approve renewal for Michigan Association of Planning for the amount of \$675. Roll called. B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

**4) Township Planner, Poggemeyer Design Group:**

K. Cousino motioned to terminate retainer fee with Poggemeyer Design Group and utilize their services on an hourly rate. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

**5) Planning Commission Budget Amendment Request:**

The Planning Commission has requested an additional \$1000.00 to be added to their budget. K. Cousino stated that this will not be enough to finish out the budget year. K. Cousino motioned to refer budget amendment request back to the planning commission to determine how much they will need. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

**6) Engine Brake Ordinance:**

K. Cousino motioned to request township attorneys to draft an Engine Brake Ordinance as suggested from the Planning Commission. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**7) Ordinance #117 – Amendments to Article 11.31 – Freestanding Accessory Solar Energy Systems; Article 14.06 Freestanding Accessory Solar Energy Systems – of Alternative Energy Structure regulations; Article 21 – Communication Towers:**

B. Frey motioned to adopt ordinance as presented waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

**8) Resignation from Robert Brazeau:**

B. Frey motioned to accept Robert Brazeau’s resignation with regrets. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

**9) Letter of Interest for Assessing Position from Kathleen McElroy:**

B. Frey motioned to accept letter of interest from Kathleen McElroy to provide township with assessing services. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

**10) Assessing Services Agreement:**

K. Cousino motioned to accept agreement with Kathleen McElroy as presented, waiving the reading, effective 6/1/19. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion carried.

**11) Assessor Part – Time Agreement:**

B. Frey motioned to enter into part – time agreement with Kathleen McElroy for township assessing services. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes. Motion Carried.

**12) Contract Renewal for Janitorial Services:**

K. Cousino motioned to renew contract with Cindy Cousino for 2 years. \$225/ week and \$45 bi-weekly to clean MPFD. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. K. Cousino – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion carried.

**13) St. Joseph Church Road Closure Request for Labor Day Festival:**

K. Cousino motioned to accept road closure request as presented waiving any fees. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. B. Frey – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion carried.

**14) St. Joseph Labor Day Resolution:**

K. Cousino motioned to accept St. Joseph Labor Day Resolution as presented, waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

**15) Delta Dental Renewal Effective July 1, 2019:**

K. Cousino motioned to renew Delta Dental policy as presented. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

**16) Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal July 1, 2019:**

K. Cousino motioned to renew Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance as presented. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. B. Frey – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion carried.

**17) Recommendation from the Compensation Commission:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept recommendation from the Compensation Committee as presented beginning 7/1/2019’ K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

**18) Shawn Cousino Resignation:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept Shawn Cousino’s resignation with regrets effective 5/7/19. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

An appointment has to be made within 45 days to fill the vacancy. B. Frey motioned to post position on front door, place on website and advertise in the newspaper. K. Cousino supported the motion. Motion carried.

**19) Request for Support from Mark Hammond RE: Potential Flooding Solutions:**

B. Frey motioned to proceed with request for support from Mark Hammond in regards to submission for funding from US Army Corp of Engineers. RE: Potential Flooding Solutions. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

**20) Ajax Paving Request for Temporary Use On Two Sites For I-75 Project:**

Jason Beem, a representative from Ajax paving, was present. He stated that the first site would be off Erie Rd. in the Benore Farmland on the south exit ramp of 75. Second site would be off Luna Pier Rd at the old BP site. Discussion was held. K. Cousino motioned to refer request to planning commission for review. B. Frey supported. Motion Carried.

**21) Mutual Aid and Fire Protection Agreement Between Morin Point and Washington Township:**

Tabled at this time until board trustees are contacted.

**22) Schedule Budget Meeting:**

Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May, 30, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane LaPlante asked what the compensation committee recommended. Cindy Wisbon responded a 2% increase in wages.

Residents addressed concerns with cars speeding through the intersection of Suder and Sterns.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

K. Cousino moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

Kim Cousino  
Clerk

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary