

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

June 29, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The special meeting of the Erie Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Wilmoth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Gary Wilmoth, Supervisor	Present
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer	Present
Kim Cousino, Clerk	Present
Paul Perry, Trustee	Present
Steve Mishka, Trustee	Present

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) REPRESENTATIVES FROM MONROE COUNTY RE: SOUTH COUNTY WATER SYSTEM BOND – TIM CSURGO & DAVID THOMPSON:**

Drain Commissioner David Thompson, Deputy Drain Commissioner Tim Csurgo, and Chris Schmidt from South County Water were present to answer questions regarding the South County Water Board approval of a project to acquire and construct improvements to the System, consisting of new water mains and valves to close the loops to improve the reliability of the System. The project will consist of 17.5 miles of water lines with an estimated cost being \$19 million, bonded over 20 years. The debt service will be paid from rates and charges from users of the system, it is estimated to cost each user an additional \$6.65 per month at a bond rate of 2.75%. Each local unit is required to pledge its limited tax full faith and credit in support of their share of the bond debt service. Act 342 contract allocates the costs between the local units based on the 2020 usage of the System, Erie Township being 7.31%. The Resolution Approving Act 342 Contract needs to be presented and approved at a regular board meeting. Representative(s) from the bonding agency will be present at the Regular Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2021 along with Tim Csurgo and Chris Schmidt.

**AMEND AGENDA:**

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to amend the agenda, adding item #10 – Township A/C unit. Motion carried.

**2) 2020 – 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to accept the 2020-2021 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**3) INTERIM CHIEF APPOINTMENT:**

Wisbon moved supported by Mishka to appoint Tim Ames as interim Chief of Police. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**4) HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER:**

Interim Chief Ames requested the board to hire Ed Carrier as a part-time police officer, working no more than ten days per month. He has thirty years of experience, retired from Woodhaven Police Department where he headed the FTO program. Discussion was held.

Perry moved supported by Wisbon to hire Ed Carrier as a part-time police officer, at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, would not be eligible to receive benefits. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**5) PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS:**

Wilmoth presented a proposed change to the Planning Commission by-laws, which were adopted on April 17, 2001. Article 4 – Responsibilities and Authority; 4.1-F.: *Formulate and recommend ordinances, including their amendments or revisions \*if requested to do so by the township board* \* would be added. Discussion was held.

Perry moved supported by Cousino to accept the planning commission by-laws as presented with added language to Article 4.1F, ‘if requested to do so by the township board.’ Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**6) PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE RESOLUTION:**

Wisbon moved supported by Perry to accept the Resolution of Principles of Governance as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**7) COMPENSATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion was held over the recommended salaries for the elected officials and the fact that the 2021-2022 budget has already been adopted without any pay increases.

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to accept the recommendation of the Erie Township Compensation Commission without applying any pay increases to the 2021-2022 fiscal year, but to leave the option open to increase wages as recommended for 2022-2023 fiscal year. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**8) TOWNSHIP IT SERVICE PROVIDER:**

The board reviewed the three proposals received for IT Services for the township and the Police Department. Discussion was held.

Cousino moved supported by Mishka to accept the contract with Digital Perspective, monthly premium to have one hour of service built in, at a rate of \$120, Digital Perspective will bill additional time provided as needed. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**9) SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MORIN POINT WEST SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RENEWAL:**

The Morin Point West Special Assessment District was created for road improvements and maintenance, the district is a five-year special assessment, two public hearings are required to allow the property owners the opportunity to speak in favor or against the district, the township is required to mail each property owner in the district a notice of public hearing as well as publish it in the newspaper.

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to schedule the first public hearing for the Morin Point West Special Assessment District to be held during the regular board meeting on August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**10) TOWNSHIP A/C UNIT:**

An A/C unit at the township hall needs to be replaced. One quote has been received, from American Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$5,700. Discussion was held.

Wilmoth moved supported by Wisbon to approve the replacement of the A/C unit, not to exceed \$5,700, and obtain at least one more quote. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane La Plante thanked the board for adopting the Principles of Governance Resolution and congratulated Kim Cousino on her completion of the Michigan Municipal Clerks Institution.

**D. ADJOURNMENT:**

Perry moved supported by Wisbon to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk