

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

July 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Clerk Kimberly Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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| Bill Frey, Supervisor | Absent - excused |
| Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer | Present |
| Kimberly Cousino, Clerk | Present |
| Mike Grodi, Trustee | Present |
| Gary Wilmoth, Trustee | Present |

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

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

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Supervisor Bill Frey.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting; June 29, 2020 Special Meeting; July 8, 2020 Elections Meeting
- 2) Building Report, June 2020
- 3) Treasurer's Report, June 2020
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, June 2020

C. Wisbon motioned to approve items 1-4 waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) ISO Building Department Evaluation
- 2) DTE Electric Company
- 3) Mason Consolidated Schools RE: Liaison Officer Pay 2019-2020 School Year

- 4) Charter Communications
- 5) Consumers Energy

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

M. Grodi moved to add items #11- First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Grant Application and #12- Public Safety & Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Grant Application to the agenda and to correct item #8 to Poppy Drive and not Poppy Sale. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Troy Goodnough from the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office introduced himself to the board and residents as a candidate for Monroe County Sheriff.

Resident David Cowdrey of Bay Creek Rd spoke regarding the speed limit on Bay Creek Rd. not being posted and requested the board to start the process of getting a low speed limit posted.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #33742 - #33826 from the general fund including payroll, ACH, and EFT in the amount of \$120,700.54. Checks #1575 - #1576 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,215.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called. M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

2) 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines as presented. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

3) Fund Balance Policy:

K. Cousino made the recommendation to set the fund balance at 10% of budgeted expenses. Discussion was held.

K. Cousino motioned to adopt the Erie Township Unrestricted Fund Balance Policy to be 10% of the annual budgeted expenses. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

4) Resolution to Waive Penalties for non-filing of Property Transfer Affidavits under MCL 211.27b.:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the resolution to waive penalties for non-filing property transfer affidavits waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

5) Monroe County Drain Commissioner – Notice of Apportionment for Hooper Drain and Bay Creek:

Discussion was held over the apportionment notices.

K. Cousino motioned to accept and place notice of apportionment from the Monroe County Drain Commissioner on file. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion carried.

6 - 7) Monroe Conservation District Services Agreement and Contribution Request to the Monroe Conservation District:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the Monroe Conservation District Services agreement in the amount of \$500.00. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll Called. M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

8) VFW Poppy Drive at Township Hall:

K. Cousino motioned to allow the VFW Poppy Drive to be conducted at Erie Township Hall. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

9) Township Server Quote:

C. Wisbon stated the township server is in need of replacement. A quote has been obtained from Monroe County IT in the amount of \$5,101.00.

G. Wilmoth motioned to accept the quote to replace the township server with Monroe County IT as presented in the amount of \$5,101.00. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

10) Historical Background on NPDES Phase II:

M. Grodi stated that there is no action to take on the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System at this time. Russell Beaubien with SPICER Group provided the enclosed information for an update to the board. The permit application was submitted in 2018 and EGLE is now in the review process; which could take six or more years.

11) First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program:

M. Grodi presented the grant application for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program which is funded by the CARES act.

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the application of the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program in the amount of \$37,000.00. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

12) Public Safety and Public Health Pay Premium Program:

M. Grodi presented the grant application for the Public Safety and Public Health Pay Premium Program which is also funded by the CARES act.

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the application for the Public Safety and Public Health Pay Premium Program Grant. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. K. Cousino – yes, M. Grodi – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussion held regarding drain assessments.

M. Grodi gave an update regarding the sale of 6298 Suder Ave. property which was placed in an estate by township Attorney Phil Goldsmith for the purpose of recouping the township CDBG loan that was granted along with all expenses incurred in the process; back taxes will also be paid and the money remaining will be given to the surviving family.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Wilmoth moved to adjourn at 7:28 pm. M. Grodi supported. Motion Carried.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk