

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

August 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Township Supervisor Gary Wilmoth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Prayer provided by Danny Taylor.

Gary Wilmoth, Supervisor – Present
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer- Present
Kimberly Cousino, Clerk- Present
Steve Mishka, Trustee - Present
Paul Perry, Trustee – Present

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from July 13, 2021, Regular Meeting and August 5, 2021, Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report, July 2021
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, July 2021
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, July 2021

C. Wisbon motioned to approve items 1 – 4 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Michigan Gas Utilities
- 2) EGLE Inspection Report – Vienna Junction Industrial Park
- 3) MERS Retirement Conference

K. Cousino motioned to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-3 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. LaPlante asked the date of the race for the kids. Race for Kids will be held on Sept 25, 2021.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #34814 - #34860 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$84,901.28. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon - yes. Motion Carried.

2) Public Hearing for Morin Point West Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon motioned to close Regular Meeting at 7:02pm and open Public Hearing. P. Perry supported the motion.

Discussion was held regarding renewal of Morin Point West SAD for \$100.00 a year for five years. Two residents were present from the district and spoke regarding road maintenance and starting a petition to have major road repairs done. Resident Virginia Ruchala voiced support to renew the Morin Point West SAD at \$100.00 per year for five years.

P. Perry motioned to close Public Hearing at 7:15pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open Regular Meeting at 7:15pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

3)Resolution to Initiate Renewal of Special Assessment District Extension – Morin Point West:

C. Wisbon motioned to adopt the resolution to initiate the renewal extension of Morin Point West Special Assessment District at \$100.00 a year for five years. P. Perry Supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

4) Schedule Second Public Hearing for Morin Point West Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon motioned to hold 2nd public hearing for Morin Point West SAD at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on September 14, 2021. P. Perry Supported. Motion Carried.

5) Recommendation to appoint Tim Ames to Erie Township Chief of Police:

P. Perry motioned to appoint Tim Ames to Erie Township Chief of Police. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

6) Recommendation to Hire Richard Troup to Erie Township Police Department:

Chief Ames recommended the board hire Richard Troup to take on the roll as Mason Schools Liaison Officer. Mason School’s will reimburse the township for liaison hours worked.

P. Perry made a motion to recommend the hiring of Richard Troup to Erie Township Police Department for five hours a day at \$25.00/ hour. S. Mishka supported the motion. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

7) Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund Official Ballot:

K. Cousino moved to vote to appoint the five candidates on the ballot to the MML Workers Compensation Fund Board. C. Wisbon Supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

8) Monroe Conservation District Service Agreement:

K. Cousino recommended to approve \$500.00 annual agreement as presented. P. Perry Supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – No, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

9) Culvert Replacement – Minx Rd at LaVoy Drain:

Tabled at this time.

10) Culvert Replacement – Minx Rd. at Petee Drain:

Tabled at this time.

11) Race for The Kids Zoning Permit Application and Road Closure Request:

K. Cousino motioned to accept zoning permit and road closure request for the Race for the Kids event to be held on September 25, 2021, between the hours of 8:30 am and 10:30 am. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

12) Resolution Authorizing Race for the Kids Permission to Close Local Roads:

K. Cousino motioned to accept resolution authorizing local roads to be closed from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. For the Race for the Kids event to be held on September 25, 2021. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

13) MDOT Performance Resolution – Race for The Kids:

K. Cousino motioned to accept MDOT Performance Resolution as presented to close Dixie Hwy. between Manhattan St. and Erie Rd. on September 25, 2021 between 8:30 am – 10:30 am for the Race for the Kids event. P. Perry Supported. Motion Carried.

14) 2021 L-4029 Tax Rate Request:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the 2021 L-4029 Tax Rate Request as presented. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

15) General Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the General Fund Tax Levy Resolution at .7953/mil. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

16) Police Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the Police Fund Tax Levy Resolution at .9926/mil. K. Cousino Supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes.

17) Fire District Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the Fire District Fund Tax Levy Resolution at 1.2356/mil. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

18) Fire Protection Capital Expenditures Tax Levy Resolution:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the Fire Protection Capital Expenditures Tax Levy Resolution at 1.980/mil. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

19) Erie Township Police Department Policy No. 43 – Body Armor, Protective Vests:

K. Cousino motioned to accept Erie Police Department Policy No. 43 – Body Armor Protective Vests as presented. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

20) Erie Township Police Department Policy No. 44 – Media Relations:

K. Cousino motioned to accept Erie Police Department Policy No. 44 – Media Relations as presented. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

21) Recommendation to Sell Old Police Cruiser(s):

C. Wisbon motioned to Allow Chief Tim Ames to sell/advertise bids for old police cruiser. P. Perry Supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion Carried.

22) Planning Commission By-Laws:

Tabled at this time.

23) Proposal to Redevelop Township Website:

C. Wisbon motioned to allow Shumaker Technology Group to redevelop Township Website using their Silver Package at \$1250 (one-time fee) adding on aerial drone images at a one-time fee of \$250.00 for a total of \$1500.00, along with a yearly fee of \$500.00 for fully managed maintenance. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

D. LaPlante Congratulated Newly Appointed Chief of Police Tim Ames.

D. Taylor thanked the Board Members and First Responders for all they do.

G. Wilmoth asked the public to share their comments regarding agenda items in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. C. Wisbon Supported. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk