

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

August 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Frey called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Danny Taylor offered an opening prayer.

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

Also present was recording Secretary Jackie Cowdrey and Township Attorney Phil Goldsmith.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from July 9, 2019 regular meeting
- 2) Building Report, July 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, July 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, July 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, July 2019

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Consumers Energy Company
- 2) DTE Electric Company
- 3) Vienna Junction Industrial Park Sanitary Landfill Third Quarter Inspection Report
- 4) Michigan Gas Utilities
- 5) Consumers Energy – Erie Rd. Truck Routing
- 6) Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

K Cousino motioned to approve correspondence items 1-6 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante thanked the first responders, Police Department and Fire Departments for their efforts with all of the construction going on on I-75.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #32880 - # 32980 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$147,818.19. Nothing from Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll called M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, B. Frey – yes. Motion Carried.

2) Ask the Chiefs:

Nothing at this time

3) St. Joseph Church Labor Day Festival Temporary Use Request:

K. Cousino motioned to approve St. Joseph Labor Day Festival temporary use request as presented waiving any fees. M. Grodi supported the motion. Roll Called. B. Frey – yes, M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion carried.

4) Noxious Weeds in Township:

Demski recommended waiving mowing deadline of August 10th. Grodi motioned to set aside the August 10th cutting date. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

5) Monroe Conservation District Request for Contribution:

G. Wilmoth motioned to contribute \$750 to the Monroe Conservation District. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – No, G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

6) Township and Police Department Firewall Options:

A mandatory update is needed to the firewall for the Police Department; the township can be protected at no additional cost. K. Cousino motioned to subscribe to the sixty-month maintenance subscription at \$5900 a year with the county picking up some of the costs. Grodi supported the motion. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried

7) Resolutions from MCRC designating Erie Rd., Sterns Rd., Suder Rd. to be Posted With a Limit of 25 Tons:

The Monroe County Road Commission will be placing signs weight limit signs on Erie Rd. Sterns Rd. and Suder Rd. The township board does not need to take action.

8) MERS 2019 Officer & Delegate Certificate:

K. Cousino motioned to elect Mike Grodi as delegate for 2019 MERS Conference. M. Grodi supported. Motion Carried.

9) Assessing Services:

M. Grodi motioned to change assessing services from contracted to a regular part time employee. K. Cousino supported. All in favor. Motion Carried.

10) Hiring of Police Officer:

M. Grodi motioned to hire Police Officer Dave Myers. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, B. Frey – yes. M. Grodi – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

11) Township Property on Strasburg Rd. Parcel #05-007-005-00:

The homeowner that lives adjacent to Brigham Cemetery on Strasburg Rd. has contacted the township inquiring about purchasing the AT&T Building/property that was donated to the township by AT&T in 2015. Discussion was held regarding the property, cleaning it up, and how the township could use it for parking for cemetery visitors. The township does not have a copy of a deed transferring the property from AT&T to Erie Township.

B. Frey motioned to contact Hassett Title to perform a deed and title search on the property. M.Grodi supported. Motion Carried.

12) Nick Raudebaugh Resignation from Erie Fire Department:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept resignation from Nick Raudebaugh with regrets. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

13) Road Closure Request for Mason Homecoming Parade:

M. Grodi motioned to accept the road closure request for Mason Homecoming Parade on Oct 4, 2019. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

14) Resolution for Mason Homecoming Parade:

K. Cousino motioned to adopt the resolution for the Mason Homecoming Parade as presented waiving the reading. M. Grodi supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion Carried.

15) Closed Session to Review Tax Tribunal Docket #19-000544

M. Grodi motioned to adjourn and enter closed at 7:32 pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried

M. Grodi motioned to adjourn closed session and to enter into open session 8:10 pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

K. Cousino motioned to direct legal council to proceed as discussed in closed session. M. Grodi Supported. Motion carried.

C. Wisbon motioned to amend agenda to add item #16: 6298 Suder Ave. K. Cousino Supported. Motion Carried.

16) 6298 Suder Ave:

The Erie Community Development Block Grant Committee approved a grant and deferred loan for a new roof for the home at 6298 Suder Ave. The homeowner recently passed away and the house is in foreclosure for back taxes owed in the amount of \$2,133. C. Wisbon asked if the township could pay the back taxes and possibly recoup the \$16,000 that the township/CDBG has vested in the property. Attorney Phil Goldsmith discussed the legalities of this.

Action was tabled at this time until attorney Goldsmith is able to find out the tax status of this property and attempt to contact homeowner’s spouse.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Wilmoth moved to adjourn at 8:23pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk