

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

September 10, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, September 10, 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

K. Cousino motioned to amend the agenda to add item number 20) 5805-004-035-30 2537 Rauch Rd. Roussey request to refund building permit PB190029. M. Grodi supported. Motion Carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from August 13, 2019 regular meeting & August 13, 2019 Closed session
- 2) Building Report, August 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, August 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, August 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, August 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) Bedford Township DDA Notice of Public Informational Meeting
- 2) Michigan Gas Utilities
- 3) DTE Energy Company
- 4) EGLE
- 5) Charter Communications

- 6) Concerned Citizens of Morin Point
- 7) Consumer's Life Insurance
- 8) Devos Excavating RE: Structure Fire Assistance to Fire Dept.

M. Grodi motioned to approve correspondence items 1-8 waiving the reading. G. Wilmoth supported the motion. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

K. Cousino thanked MPFD, EFD, and EPD as well as the Reserve Officers for helping with the Panther 5k as well as the St. Joseph Labor Day Festival.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #32981 - # 33019 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$69,198.20. Checks #1558 & #1559 from Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,245.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll called. G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, and C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

**2) Ask the Chiefs:**

Resident D. LaPlante asked for a status on the property that caught fire at Sterns and Dixie. Erie Fire Department Chief Denny Stark stated that there is an active investigation.

**3) Sarah Rafko – 2018-2019 Audit:**

Sarah Rafko reviewed the 2018-2019 audit and township financial statements.

M. Grodi motioned to accept the 2018-2019 audit as presented. K. Cousino supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**4) Resignation of Officer Parker Gutschow:**

M. Grodi motioned to accept with regrets the resignation of Officer Gutschow from Erie Police Department. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Frey directed Clerk Cousino to invoice Parker Gutschow for the reimbursement of academy tuition in accordance with his employment agreement with Erie Township.

**5) Employment Agreement with Dave Meyer:**

M. Grodi motioned to accept employment agreement with Dave Meyer as presented waiving the reading. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

**6) New Police Hire:**

Chief Ansel spoke in regards to the applicants interviewed. Chief Ansel made a recommendation for the Township to hire Jason Derwoed as a full-time Police Officer at \$21.00 per hour.

G. Wilmoth motioned to accept Chief Ansel's recommendation to hire Jason Derwoed. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

**7) Erie Fire Department New Hire – Jimmy Floyd:**

M. Grodi motioned to hire Jimmy Floyd to the Erie Fire Dept subject to the standard probationary period. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**8) Road Closure Request VFW Santa Parade:**

M. Grodi motioned to approve road closure request as presented for the VFW Santa Parade, waiving any fees. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**9) Resolution VFW Santa Parade:**

M. Grodi motioned to approve the resolution as presented for the VFW Santa Parade, waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

**10) L-4029 Tax Rate Request:**

M. Grodi motioned to authorize Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the L-4029 form contingent on assessor's approval. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

**11-14) Tax Levy Resolutions:**

M. Grodi motioned to table Items 11 – 14 until after meeting with assessor, a special meeting to be called for approval of resolutions. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion carried.

**15) Police and Township Firewall:**

M. Grodi motioned to approve the additional cost for the Township and Police Department firewall protection. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – Yes, G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes. Motion carried.

**16) Monroe County Emergency Management Division:**

Invitation from Monroe County Emergency Management Division to attend a class on filling sand bags. G. Wilmoth moved to proceed to next item on agenda. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

**17) Road Closure Request – Mason Homecoming Parade (corrected date)**

M. Grodi motioned to approve the road closure request for the Mason Homecoming Parade with the corrected date of October 11, 2019. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

**18) Resolution for Mason Homecoming Parade Road Closure (corrected date)**

M. Grodi motioned to approve the resolution for the Mason Homecoming Parade as presented with corrected date, waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

**19) Proposed Emergency Brake (Engine Brake) Ordinance:**

Discussion was held. C. Wisbon motioned to table the emergency brake ordinance. B. Frey supported. Motion Carried.

**20) 5805-004-035-30 2537 Rauch Rd. Roussey request to refund building permit PB190029:**

B. Frey motioned to follow recommendation of building inspector and issue refund in the amount of \$1,180.00 for building permit #PB190029. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dan Taylor thanked the Township for a good audit report.

M. Grodi spoke in regards to the various broken telephone poles around the township; he has contacted Randy Pierce at MCRC who is taking action to get them taken care of.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

C. Wisbon moved to adjourn at 7:38 PM. K. Cousino supported. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk

