

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

October 12, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, October 12, 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 ~~– Absent – Excused~~ PRESENT  
Paul Perry, Trustee – Present

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from September 14, 2021, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report, September 2021
- 3) Law Enforcement Report, September 2021
- 4) Treasurer's Report, September 2021
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, September 2021

K. Cousino motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 – 5 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) MCRC News – Summer 2021
- 2) Michigan Public Survey Findings; Spring 2021
- 3) Mason Consolidated Schools Input Session Invitation

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

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

D. LaPlante thanked Law enforcement for their work and commented on trimming done at solar field.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #34944 - #35013 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$194,287.14. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

**2) Resolution of Recognition of Denny Stark for Years of Service to Erie Fire Department:**

K. Cousino read the Resolution of Recognition of Denny Stark for years of service to Erie Fire Department.

K. Cousino motioned to approve the Resolution of Recognition of Denny Stark for Years of Service to Erie Fire Department as read. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

The board presented Denny Stark with a plaque and the Resolution of Recognition for years of service to Erie Fire Department.

Denny thanked the Township Board for the recognition and plaque.

**3)Resolution of Recognition of Charlie Fuhr for Years of Service to Erie Fire Department:**

K. Cousino read the Resolution of Recognition of Charlie Fuhr for Years of Service to Erie Fire Department.

K. Cousino motioned to approve the Resolution of Recognition of Charlie Fuhr for Years of Service to Erie Fire Department as read. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

**4) Liaison Officer Responsibility Agreement with Mason Consolidated Schools:**

C. Wisbon motioned to approve Liaison Officer Responsibility Agreement with Mason Consolidated Schools as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion Carried

**5) Michael Hammond; Presentation for First Merchants Bank ATM to be installed on Erie Township Hall Property:**

Architect Michael Hammond was present on behalf of First Merchants Bank and presented a proposal for the installation of a First Merchant's Bank ATM on township hall property.

Discussion was held. S. Mishka requested Township Attorney to investigate lease agreement.

P. Perry motioned to table pending Attorney notification. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

**6) Petee Drain Culvert and Lavoy Drain Culvert on Minx Rd.:**

G. Wilmoth stated the two culverts on Minx Rd. are in need of replacement. Monroe County Drain Commission has provided a bid for replacement, total cost would be split 50/50 with Bedford Township. Minx Rd at LaVoy Drain; \$13,650.00 would be Erie Township share, and Minx Rd at Petee Drain; \$8,630.00 would be Erie Township share. Erie Township's share of the total project cost would be \$22,280.00.

Discussion was held.

K. Cousino Motioned to enter into Contract with Monroe County Drain Commission for the replacement of LaVoy Drain and Petee Drain on Minx Rd. as presented, for the total cost of \$22,280.00. S. Mishka Supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

**7) Attorney Representative for Township Ordinance Enforcement:**

P. Perry Motioned to cancel the current contract with Attorney John Deku as the representative for township ordinance enforcement, and to send a letter of notification of termination of the contract. A new attorney for ordinance enforcement will be sought. S. Mishka supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Erie Fire Chief Manuel Billegas announced that the Erie Fire Department was awarded a \$15,000.00 Grant for equipment.

Township Supervisor Gary Wilmoth stated that a special meeting will be held regarding Solar Fields on November 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Clerk Kim Cousino encouraged everyone to fill out the Mason Schools Survey.  
Announced Benefit for Firefighter Corey Bomia which will be held November 20, 2021  
at St. Joseph Gymnasium.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

P. Perry made the motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm. C. Wisbon Supported. Meeting  
adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk