

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

October 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, October 8, 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

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from September 10, 2019 regular meeting & September 25, 2019 Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report, September 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, September 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, September 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, September 2019

Grodi 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) Charter Communications
- 2) 29th Annual MCOP Walk for Warmth
- 3) EGLE Fourth Quarter Inspection Report for Vienna Junction Industrial Park
- 4) South County Water
- 5) MCRC RE: MDOT Contract
- 6) Letter to Property Owners With Buildings Deemed Dangerous and Dilapidated

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlotte Beutler spoke in regards to the flooding at South Erie/Adeline Subdivision.

G. Keane voiced concern about the intersection of Telegraph Rd. and Erie Rd. Multiple accidents including fatalities have occurred there, a traffic light needs to be installed.

E. BUSINESS:

K. Cousino motioned to amend the agenda adding items #10: Telegraph Rd. and Erie Rd. intersection and #11: United Way request to waive building permit fee. Grodi supported the motion. Motion carried.

1) TMACOG Representatives:

Gilda Mitchell from TMACOG was present. Gilda presented the Township Board with a Membership Certificate and shared information about TMACOG.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #33020-33110 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$116,383.54. Nothing from Trust and Agency account. 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.

3) Ask the Chiefs:

Danny Taylor thanked Erie Fire, Morin Point Fire, and Erie Police for all of their work on I-75 and downtown Erie.

4) Resignation of Justin Heck from Erie Fire Department:

Wisbon motioned to accept with regrets the resignation of Justin Heck from Erie Fire Department. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

5) Request for Temporary Ordinance Waiver from Ryan Doom – Baycreek Rd.

Property owner and resident, Ryan Doom, was present to request a waiver on the truck route ordinance to allow the delivery of fifty loads of dirt weighing approximately thirty-five tons each to a property he owns on Baycreek Rd. off of Erie Rd. Ryan Doom has already spoken with the Monroe County Road Commission; they have given him the waiver contingent on township board approval. Ryan Doom said the dirt is coming from the I-75 project and may not be delivered until next year. Discussion was held.

Frey motioned to approve the truck ordinance waiver request from Ryan Doom for the work specified subject to project end date determined by the property owner and MCRC. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

6) Township Property on Strasburg Rd. Adjacent to Brigham Cemetery:

K. Cousino stated the only offer submitted to purchase the property is from Eric Kaplan in the amount of \$1,000. He owns the property that the parcel was split from.

Frey motioned to accept the offer as presented, draft a deed, and monies be used for cemetery maintenance. Grodi supported the motion. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – Yes, B. Frey – Yes, M. Grodi – Yes, K. Cousino – Yes, C. Wisbon – Yes. Motion Carried.

7) Status of Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings in Township:

Grodi stated that Mike Demski has mailed a letter to the property owners with a building on their property that has been deemed dangerous and dilapidated, he has started to receive responses and action plans from some property owners.

8) Proposed Engine Brake Ordinance:

Discussion was held on the proposed ordinance.

Wilmoth motioned to adopt the Engine Brake Ordinance as presented, to be enforced and posted on the designated truck routes. Grodi supported the motion. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, M. Grodi – yes, B. Frey – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

9) Status of Flooding at South Erie Park:

K. Cousino stated that she has begun a letter of intent to apply to a FEMA grant for funds to install another pump station at South Erie Park, the letter is due Friday, October 11, and would like help from another board member. Frey stated he will help with the letter of intent.

Grodi motioned to allow the Clerk and Supervisor to submit a letter of intent for grant funding through FEMA. Wilmoth supported the motion. Motion carried.

10) Telegraph and Erie Rd. Intersection:

Grodi stated he has made contact with MDOT and made them aware of our safety concerns at this specific intersection, a traffic study will be conducted to determine if a traffic light is necessary.

11) United Way Request to Waive Permit Fee:

Frey motioned to waive the fee for building permit #PB 190049- United Way for the installation of a wheel chair ramp in the amount of \$190. Wisbon supported the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante spoke in regards to the truck traffic on Sterns Rd.

Mike Grodi stated Consumers Energy has temporarily turned the pump back on that is located on their property off Erie Rd. We will now be able to determine if that had something to do with the flooding at Erie Rd. and Grodi Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Grodi moved to adjourn at 7:36 PM. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk