

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

December 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Clerk Kim Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Bill Frey, Supervisor	Absent - Excused
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer	Present
Kim Cousino, Clerk	Present
Gary Wilmoth, Trustee	Present
Mike Grodi, Trustee	Absent - Excused

Also present recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

C. Wisbon motioned to appoint K. Cousino as chair for the meeting. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting; November 26, 2019 Special Meeting; November 26, 2019 Closed Session
- 2) Building Report, November 2019
- 3) Treasurer's Report, November 2019
- 4) Police and Blight Report, November 2019
- 5) Revenue and Expense Report, November 2019

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) MCRC 2020 Meeting Schedule
- 2) Bedford Township DDA Public Informational Meeting
- 3) Buckeye Cable
- 4) DTE Electric Company
- 5) Charter Communications

- 6) Thank You Letter to Officer Jason Derwoed
- 7) Invitation to S.S. LaPointe Drain Watershed Improvement Project Kickoff Meeting
- 8) Consumers Energy
- 9) Draft of Park and Planning Committee Minutes from November 2019
- 10) Richard Cousino, Monroe County Medical Director

C. Wisbon motioned to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-10 waiving the reading. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Josh Gray from Lotus Dr. spoke regarding the illegal dumping that keeps occurring on Lotus Dr. Resident is requesting signs to be placed stating a fine should be charged if caught and has also offered to donate towards the purchase of signs and volunteer his own time to place them. The board acknowledged that the township is aware of the illegal roadside dumping on Lotus and other areas of the township, there is a fine if caught dumping, and cameras have been placed.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #33208 - #33321 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$218,300.16. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

2) Ask the Chiefs:

Nothing at this time.

3) Board Appointed Renewals:

Tad Norts - reappointed to ZBA - three year appointment

Robert Schwartz and Danny Taylor – reappointed to Planning Commission - 3-year appointment

Cindy Wisbon, Kim Cousino, Elida Witsak, Robert Schwartz, Jackie Cowdrey – reappointed to CDBG - 1-year appointment

Paul Perry – reappointed to Compensation Commission - 5-year appointment

K. Cousino announced there are openings for CDBG.

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the committee renewals as presented for ZBA, planning commission, CDBG, and compensation commission. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion carried

4) Resolution Establishing 2020 Meeting Dates:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept resolution setting the Erie Township Board regular meeting schedule for the year 2020 as presented waiving the reading. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

5) Township Insurance Renewal:

K. Cousino stated that the township property and liability insurance is provided through Decker Insurance Agency, with Michigan PAR Plan. Quotes were received for cyber liability being an additional \$1,499 for the year and increased inland marine coverage for an additional \$569.

G. Wilmoth motioned to renew the township insurance policy with Michigan PAR Plan, keeping the coverage the same, in the amount of \$32, 467.00. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

6) Observation Wells Located on Township Property:

A letter was received from the US Department of Interior regarding observation wells located on Erie Township Property. The wells are located at South Erie Park and on Telegraph Rd just north of Erie Rd. The letter is requesting Clerk Cousino to sign the well transfer agreements transferring the ownership of the two wells from the U.S. Department of Interior to Erie Township. In 1995 Supervisor Margaret Duesseau sent a letter requesting the transfer of ownership but an original signed agreement is not on file.

G. Wilmoth motioned to authorize K. Cousino to sign the observation well transfer agreement with US Department of Interior. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

7) Resignation of Township Office Secretary Jackie Cowdrey:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Cowdrey as Erie Township office secretary with regrets. K. Cousino supported the motion. Motion Carried.

8) Hiring of Township Secretary:

G. Wilmoth motioned to hire two part-time employees to the township secretary position; appointments being Kris Crammond and Cindy Cichy at a rate of \$13.25/ hour. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon -yes. Motion Carried.

9) Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 117-F:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the proposed amendment to zoning ordinance No. 117; amendment to article 20-General Provisions, section 20.22-swimming pools placement – add statement: No swimming pool shall be placed in the front yard. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll Called. K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

10) Morin Point FD.:

G. Wilmoth motioned to approve Chief Zaleski’s request to remove JJ Hathaway, Jennifer Massingil, Renee Phillips, and Kayla Mehki from Morin Point Fire Department roster. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

12. Emergency Siren at Preston St:

K. Cousino stated the emergency siren located on Preston St. has failed and needs to be repaired. The cost of repairs is \$695.00.

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the quote from West Shore Services to repair the Emergency Siren located on Preston St. in the amount of \$695.00. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

13. 6298 Suder Ave.

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the opening of an estate for the property located at 6298 Suder Ave. with the Townships interest in a CDBG loan and for Lennard, Graham, and Goldsmith to move forward with legal action. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

C. Wisbon moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. G. Wilmoth supported. Motion Carried.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kim Cousino
Clerk