

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

December 8, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Wilmoth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Danny Taylor offered an opening prayer.

Gary Wilmoth, Supervisor - Present  
Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer- Present  
Kimberly Cousino, Clerk- Present  
Paul Perry, Trustee - Present  
Steve Mishka, Trustee - Present

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to amend agenda item #13 to read Erie Fire Department Officer Appointments. Motion carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report, November 2020
- 3) Treasurer's Report, November 2020
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, November 2020

Perry moved supported by Cousino to approve consent agenda items 1-4 waiving the reading. Motion Carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) MCRC 2021 Meeting Schedule

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to approve correspondence item 1 waiving the reading. Motion Carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane La Plante thanked election workers and clerks and encouraged individuals to become an election congratulated new board members and thanked Shelly Hahn for her service while serving on board of review.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) PUBLIC HEARING – STREETMAN ST. STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:**

Perry moved supported by Wisbon to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the Streetman St. street lighting special assessment district. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

One property owner was present from Streetman St. and another property owner contacted Cousino via phone and email; both were in favor of establishing the district. Wisbon stated there will be four lights installed on existing poles at a cost of \$100 per light, the usage would be approximately \$7.89 per light per month and the total cost will be dispersed between the twenty-six parcels in the district. The first collection will be on the December 2021 tax bill for approximately \$29.96 per parcel and \$14.57 per year each year after. Discussion was held.

Perry moved supported by Wisbon to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Perry moved supported by Wisbon to re-open the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

**2) RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE STREETMAN STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:**

Wisbon moved supported by Perry to adopt the resolution to establish the Streetman St. street lighting special assessment district. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**3) SCHEDULE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STREETMAN STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:**

Wisbon moved supported by Perry to schedule the second public hearing for the Streetman St. street lighting district to be held during the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**4) BILLS APPROVAL:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve checks #34204 - #34315 from the general fund for accounts payable, payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$152,040.25 and checks #1589 - #1593 from the trust and agency account in the amount of \$261.08. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**5) TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve township property and liability insurance renewal with Decker Agency in the amount of \$35,405.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**6) JOHN DEKU ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT:**

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to accept the attorney fee agreement with John Deku for township blight and ordinance enforcement in the amount of \$125 per hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**7) 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:**

Mishka moved supported by Perry to approve township local road repair in the amount of \$299,217.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor. Roads to receive maintenance are Dean, Lotus, Bay Creek, Benore, Edgewood, Erie, Clairmont, Larchmont, Grandview, and Sunnyfield.

**8) REQUEST FROM DENNIS STARK TO RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF CHIEFS HELMET:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve Dennis Stark's request to retain ownership of the Chiefs helmet. Motion carried.

**9) SHELLY HAHN RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF REVIEW:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to accept Shelly Hahn's resignation from board of review with regrets. Motion carried.

**10) VARIOUS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Wisbon moved supported by Perry to approve board of review appointments of Danny Taylor, Jake Nehrig, Manny Evola, Bernie Russell as alternate, and Kristine Crammond as secretary. Motion carried.

Perry moved supported by Cousino to approve south county water board appointments of Gary Wilmoth, Cindy Wisbon, and Kim Cousino as alternate. Motion carried.

Cousino moved supported by Perry to approve CDBG appointments of Robert Schwartz, Elida Whitszak, Tom Sancrant, Cindy Wisbon, and Kim Cousino. Motion carried.

**11) LAW ENFORCEMENT NEW HIRE:**

Cousino moved supported by Perry to hire Tim Ames as a part time police officer at a rate of \$21 per hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**12) 2021 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE RESOLUTION:**

Cousino moved supported by Wisbon to adopt the 2021 board meeting schedule resolution as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**13) ERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENTS:**

Wisbon moved supported by Cousino to approve the Erie Fire Department Officers for 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane La Plante thanked the board for hiring a police officer and addressed the board and Chief Meyer in regards to residents in Morin Point parking their personal vehicles/trailers at the public park.

Chad Yenor asked if the attorney is paid at an hourly rate only when their services are utilized, Wilmoth answered yes.

Victor Morin asked if MDOT will repair portions of Suder Ave. that has been damaged due to I-75 construction traffic; Danny Taylor stated that while he was acting Supervisor he was told by MDOT that they do not repair any damage done to local roads during the course of construction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Cousino moved supported by Perry to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk