

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

April 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Township Clerk Kimberly Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to amend the agenda adding appoint chair.
Motion carried.

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to appoint Trustee Steve Mishka as chair of the meeting. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting and March 10, 2022 Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report, March 2022
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, March 2022
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, March 2022

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry and accept and place on file consent agenda items 1-4 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Consumers Energy
- 2) Monroe News
- 3) Michigan Gas Utilities

- 4) Par Plan News
- 5) Michigan Planning and Zoning
- 6) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to accept and place on file correspondence items 1-6 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane La Plante reported that the dead brush has been cleaned up at the solar field, the garbage that was dumped on Baycreek Rd. has been picked up, and that roadside garbage was also picked up alongside Sterns Rd.

Sheriff Troy Goodnough stated that the inmates are back to public service/roadside cleanup and that his office should be contacted if there is any more roadside garbage that needs to be cleaned up. Sheriff Goodnough also provided statistics on the number of reports and calls for service provided to Erie Township. The Sheriff's office has two vessels and they were placed in the water recently.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #35349 - #35425 including accounts payable, payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$112,271.67. Checks #1631-#1635 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$556.70. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

2) Race for the Kids Local Road Closure Request Resolution:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the resolution for the local road closure requested by Race for the Kids for the event on June 4, 2022 from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

3) Race for the Kids MDOT Performance Resolution; Request to Close M-125:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for the Race for the Kids request to close M-125 (Dixie Hwy.) for the event on June 4, 2022 from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

4) Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care Agreement for Roadside Mowing:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to accept the contract with Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care for local road mowing for 2023, 2024, 2025, including the 13% price

increase for 2022, as presented dated March 11, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

5) Land Split / Combination Fee:

C. Wisbon stated that our Assessor, Julie, feels that our fee for land split or combinations does not cover her cost to process. Her recommendation is to keep the application fee at \$50.00 but increase the resulting parcel charge from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Discussion was held.

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to keep the land split/combination application fee at \$50.00 and increase the fee per resulting parcel to \$50.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

6) Med Mutual Life Insurance Renewal:

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to accept the Med Mutual group life insurance policy as presented and dated March 1, 2022, for two years, with no change in premium and coverage. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

7) SEMCOG Membership Renewal:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to approve the SEMCOG membership renewal for 2022 in the amount of \$807. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

8) Purchase Extended Warranty for Township Computers

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to decline the extended warranty as proposed by Dell for the Township office computers. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Diane La Plante appreciates the board for renewing SEMCOG membership and thanked the police department for their extra police presence.

Jeff Benore provided an update on surrounding township's solar ordinance decisions.

Theresa Pobee-Mensah requested the solar moratorium be extended to allow more time for the ordinance to be reviewed.

Dan Rigatto shared his thoughts on the recent Solar 101 presentation held at the Community College in Monroe.

Brenda Vandercook thanked the planning commission for the time allowed for public comment but would like the committee to have more discussion amongst themselves over the solar ordinance.

Will Bruck reported that Monroe County Community College purchased land adjacent to the Whitman Center on Lewis Ave. and that \$350,000 has been allocated for the development of a criminal justice center.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Motion carried.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk