

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

January 11, 2022

** with correction*

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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 – Present
Paul Perry, Trustee – Absent - excused

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report, December 2021
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, December 2021
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, December 2021

C. Wisbon motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 – 4 waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) United States Environmental Protection Agency
- 2) EGLE- Vienna Junction Landfill Quarterly Inspection Report
- 3) Michigan Department of Treasury – Procedural Changed for the 2022 Assessment Year
- 4) Erie Township Fire Department December 2021 Call Report and 2021 Annual Call Report

5) Michigan Department of State – Eligibility for Status as a Charter Township

C. Wisbon motioned to accept and place on file correspondence items 1-5 waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported the motion. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane La Plante asked Clerk Cousino to read the letter of Eligibility for Status as a Charter Township from the Michigan Department of State.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Robert Kull – Monroe County Veterans Affairs Presentation:

Mr. Kull spoke regarding the services available to Monroe County Veterans and their families.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #35171 - #35229 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$141,331.98. Checks #1623 - #1626 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1896.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

3) Resolution Setting 2022 Township Board Meeting Dates:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the Resolution setting 2022 Township Board Meeting Dates for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except November's meeting will be held on November 15, 2022 due to the General Election being held on November 8, 2022. K. Cousino supported. Roll was called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

4) Committee Appointments:

CDBG – one-year term

Jackie Cowdrey

Cindy Wisbon

Kim Cousino

Robert Schwartz

Tom Sancrant

Nancy Cirovolo

Rose Taylor

ZBA – three-year term

Cheryl Martin
Shelly Hahn

Commissioner of Weeds – two-year term

Mike Demski

Building Appeals – two-year term

Bill Jacobs
Kalob Seger
Matthew Mehki

K. Cousino motioned to approve the Committee Appointments as presented. S. Mishka supported the motion. Roll was called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

5) Township Secretary’s Pay Raise and Deputy Treasurer Pay Raise:

Discussion was held over the current Pay for Township Secretary which is \$13.75 an hour, the recommendation is to increase to \$14.50 an hour. The current pay for Deputy Treasurer is \$12.50 and the recommendation is to increase to \$14.50 an hour.

K. Cousino made the motion to increase the hourly pay for township secretary and deputy treasurer to \$14.50. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

6) Resolution to Set an Alternate Date for March Board of Review:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the resolution to set March 15, 2022 as the alternate date for the first meeting date of the 2022 March Board of Review. K. Cousino motioned. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

7) Poverty Exemption Resolution:

Discussion was held over the federal poverty guidelines and those presented for approval by the township board. K. Cousino explained that a new requirement is that the board must include an asset level test for eligibility. The resolution reads that an applicant’s assets may not exceed \$50,000.

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the Poverty Exemption Resolution as presented. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, **P. Perry – yes-absent.** Motion Carried.

8) Road Improvements:

Monroe County Road Commission provided their recommendations for road improvements and the estimated cost for the township.

-Bay Creek Rd. – limits of Summit St. to Grodi – Single Chip Seal = \$76,999

-Benore Rd. – limits of M-125 to Dead End – Single Chip Seal = \$18,597

-Lake/Perry – limits of Summit St. to Dead End – Single Chip Seal = \$12,089

-Vienna – limits of Summit St. to Bay Creek – Single Chip Seal = \$20,262 **MCRC will cover 100%*

-Adeline Subdivision – limits of Sterns & Suder – HMA = \$72,089 **Cross tile repair is needed, will be an additional cost*

MCRC also provided an estimate for a crush and shape, HMA on Gaynier Rd. This road is within the limits of Erie, LaSalle, and Luna Pier. The total cost for Erie Township would be \$73,081.00. This quote was provided at the request of the LaSalle Township Supervisor due to the fact that the Luna Pier Rd. I-75 overpass is expected to be reconstructed in 2023-2024. Discussion was held and it was decided to hold off on any decision for Gaynier Rd. at the time.

C. Wisbon motioned to approve road improvements for Bay Creek Rd., Benore Rd., Lake/Perry, Vienna, and the Adeline Subdivision as quoted, for approximately \$180,000. S. Mishka supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

9) Erie Township Fire Department Officers for 2022:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the Erie Township Fire Department Officers for 2022 as presented, they being:

First Assistant Chief – Corey Bomia

Second Assistant Chief – Steve Mishka

Frist Captain – Dave Kehres

Second Captain – James Floyd

Third Captain – Cody Wiley

K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

10) Acceptance of 2022 Volunteer Assistance Grant Awarded to Morin Point Fire Department:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the 2022 Volunteer Assistance DNR Grant in the amount of \$2,426.00 awarded to Morin Point Fire Department for the purchase of hose, the township will match \$2,426.00. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes.

11) Resolution to Support Monroe County Road Commission TAP Grant Application:

K. Cousino explained that the Monroe County Road Commission is applying for a TAP grant to fund the installation of bike lane pavement markings on Summit Street from the Ohio state line to Bay Creek Road. MCRC is only requesting support from the board, there is no financial obligation for Erie Township.

C. Wisbon made the motion to accept the Resolution to Support Monroe County Road Commission TAP Grant Application as presented. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

12) MCRC Dust Control Contract – Streeter:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the MCRC Dust Control Contract for Streeter in the amount of \$200.00. S. Mishka supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

13) MCRC Dust Control Contract – Various Roads:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the MCRC Dust Control Contract for Various Roads in the amount of \$5,300.00. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

14) MCRC Roadside Mowing Contract – Various Local Roads:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the MCRC Roadside Mowing Contract for Various Local Roads in the amount of \$9,000.00. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Diane La Plante had questions regarding the TAP Grant and current pavement markings on Summit St.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. C. Wisbon Supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk