

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

June 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, June 14, 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

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to amend the agenda, adding item #18 – MTA Membership Renewal. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting; June 7, 2022 Special Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report, May 2022
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, May 2022
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, May 2022
- 5) Police Report; May 2022

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to approve consent agenda items 1 – 5 waiving the reading. Motion Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Monroe County Drain Commission: 3900 Luna Pier Rd. Soil Erosion Application
- 2) Monroe County Road Commission: Adeline Subdivision Resurfacing
- 3) Press Release: Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Fund for Design & Access – Grant awarded to Erie Township
- 4) Michigan Department of Treasury

- 5) Consumers Energy Company
- 6) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kenny Gonyea stated that a tenant's catalytic convertor was attempted to be stolen from their vehicle at the apartment building on Erie and Manhattan, he will relay to the tenant to contact the police department to file a report.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Presentation of Grant from Energy Transfer to Erie Fire Department:

Robin Tilley Hull from Energy Transfer presented Chief Manuel Billegas with a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from Energy Transfer's First Responder Fund, which will aid in the purchase of equipment to enhance the department's emergency response capabilities.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #35475 - #35575 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$226,628.61. Checks #1645 - #1646 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,242.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

3) Morin Point Fire Department New Hires: Sarah Royston and Laila Lampe:

C. Wisbon moved supported K. Cousino to approve Chief Zaleski's request to add Laila Lampe and Sarah Royston to the Morin Point Fire Department roster. Motion carried.

4) Remove Sean Murphy and Daniel Rose from Morin Point Fire Department Roster:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to remove Sean Murphy and Daniel Rose from the Morin Point Fire Department, with regrets. Motion carried.

5) 2021-2022 Budget Amendments:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the 2021-2022 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

6) Adoption of 2022-2023 Budget:

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to adopt the 2022-2023 budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

7) 2022 L-4049 Tax Rate Request:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the 2022 Tax Rate Request L-4029 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

8) General Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the General Fund Tax Levy Resolution as presented, approving 0.7911 mills to be allocated on the 2022 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

9) Police Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the Police Fund Tax Levy Resolution as presented, approving 0.9875 mills to be allocated on the 2022 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

10) Fire District Fund Tax Levy Resolution:

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the Fire District Fund Tax Levy Resolution as presented, approving 1.2292 mills to be allocated on the 2022 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

11) Fire Protection Capital Expenditures Tax Levy Resolution:

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the Fire Protection Capital Expenditures Tax Levy Resolution as presented, approving 1.9669 mills to be allocated on the 2022 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

12) Health Insurance Renewal:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the 2022 health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Simply Blue PPO plan, with an 11.29% premium increase. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

13) Short Term Rentals:

Building and Zoning official, Mike Demski, provided a memo to the board regarding short term rental regulations; it is his suggestion that the board take this project back from the planning commission and create a police power ordinance to regulate the activity of the land, not the use of the land. Discussion was held.

S. Mishka moved supported by K. Cousino to accept Mike Demski's recommendation presented to the board regarding short term rentals, take the assignment back from the planning commission, form a committee to review the draft ordinance within thirty days, and submit a recommended ordinance to the board. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

14) Contract with Spotts Excavating for Cemetery Services:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the agreement between Erie Township and Spotts Excavating for certain cemetery services. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

15) Contract Renewal with Digital Perspective for IT Services:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the renewal contract with Digital Perspective, at \$290 per month. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

16) Michigan Townships Participating Plan Board of Directors Election Ballot:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the recommendation of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors Election Ballot and cast the sole vote for William Bamber. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

17) Restricted Fire Truck Funds:

C. Wisbon stated that the CD with over \$40,000 that is restricted for the purchase of a fire truck matured on June 11, 2022, per the auditing firm the township board can vote to un-restrict the funds or leave the funds restricted and add them to the fire equipment millage savings account with Michigan Class. Discussion was held.

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the un-restricting of the previously restricted fire truck funds currently in a CD and deposit said funds into Michigan Class with the Fire Equipment Millage money. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

18) Michigan Township's Association Membership Renewal:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to renew the Michigan Township Association annual membership in the amount of \$3,365.46. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Misha to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk