

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

December 13, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, December 13, 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 – Present

Also present recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from November 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; November 2022
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, November 2022
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, November 2022
- 5) Erie Police Report; November 2022

C. Wisbon motioned to approve items 1 – 5 waiving the reading. S. Mishka supported the motion. Motion Carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Consumers Energy
- 2) Michigan Department of Treasury; 2023 Property Tax Appeal Procedures
- 3) MTA Capital Conference
- 4) Township Clerk – 2023 Misc. Information

Conversation was held regarding 2023 Misc. Information.

K. Cousino motioned to approve items 1-4 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane LaPlante 1324 Sterns Rd spoke regarding recent shop with the cop event.

S. Harrison spoke regarding issues with Air BnB and questioned if the board has addressed the issues.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Erie Area Historians Essay Contest Winners:**

Diane Cousino from the Erie Area Historians Committee presented to the board the essay contest winners, Elijah Chontos and Dominic Imbrogno.

**2) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #35940 - #36035 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$563,077.27. Checks #1664 - #1670 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$2404.67. P. Perry supported the motion. Roll was called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

**3) 2021 – 2022 Audit:**

Sara Rafko from Calkins Hehl Rafko presented the board with their 2021- 2022 Audit.

**4) Township Property and Liability Insurance Renewal:**

Dustin Drabek from Decker Agency spoke regarding the policy renewal and coverage.

K. Cousino motioned to accept the policy renewal as presented in the amount of \$41,075.00 per year. P. Perry supported. Roll Called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

**5) Board Appointed Renewals:**

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the Board Appointed Renewals as presented;

Board of Review: Danny Taylor, Jake Nehrig, Manny Evola, Alternate Bernie Russel. CDBG: Bob Schwartz, Jackie Cowdrey, Cindy Wisbon, Kim Cousino, Tom Sancrant, Nancy Ciravolo, Rose Taylor. Compensation Commission: Bill Jacobs and Brenda Norts. Planning Commission: Bob Schwartz and Danny Taylor. ZBA: Tad Norts. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

**6) Resolution for the 2023 Regular Board Meeting Schedule:**

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the Resolution for the 2023 Regular Board Meeting Schedule on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month at 7pm. S. Mishka supported. Motion Carried.

**7) 2023 Poverty Guidelines Resolution:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the 2023 Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented. K. Cousino supported. Roll Call. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

**8) Michigan Gas Easement:**

C. Wisbon motioned to sign Michigan Gas Easement for the properties owned by the township on Summit St; lot 85 and out lot A. P. Perry supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

**9) Morin Point Fire Department – Purchase Jaws:**

Pat Foley from MPFD spoke to the board regarding the different JAWS options, benefits, and reviewed three quotes he obtained.

C. Wisbon motioned to amend budget and move \$32,000 to MPFD equipment line from the general fund for the purchase of jaws as quoted from Apollo Fire Equipment. P. Perry supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion Carried

**10) Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 117 – G:**

K. Cousino motioned to return proposed zoning ordinance amendment No. 117 – G to the planning commission with recommendation to separate commercial stables, hunt clubs, outdoor or indoor shooting ranges, and campgrounds in separate categories in table 10-2. S. Mishka supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – No, K. Cousino – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes. Motion Carried.

**F. Public and Board Member Comment:**

David Cowdrey 11001 Victory Rd. Erie, Mi asked about the verbiage on the amendment to No 117-G.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

K. Cousino made the motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm. P. Perry Supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk