

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

January 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday January 10, 2022, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Township Trustee Steve Mishka 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 – Absent - Excused
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 December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; December 2022
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, December 2022
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, December 2022
- 5) Erie Police Report; December 2022

K. Cousino motioned to approve items 1 – 5 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported the motion. Motion Carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) City of Luna Pier Planning Commission
- 2) Carlisle Wortman
- 3) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

C. Wisbon commented on Carlisle and Wortman correspondence stating that they donate to various charities instead of sending Christmas cards.

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve items 1-3 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Grodi was present from Mason Board of Education as well as Jason Bert (Tech director for Mason Consolidated schools). They spoke regarding Every Eagle Opportunities.

Rose Sancrant thanked the Township as well as Erie Fire Department and Erie Police Department for their roles in the Santa Parade.

Diane LaPlante thanked Kim Cousino for sending W-2's out in a timely manner.

Chief Billegas stated that the Erie Fire Department's annual report shows them down 71 calls for 2022.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36036 - #36096 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$346,394.28. Checks #1671 - #1672 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$621.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

2) Road Improvements:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the road improvements for a single chip seal on Cemetery Rd between Erie Rd & Rauch Rd. and Substation Rd. between Minx Rd. & US-24; with the township share totaling \$40,478.00 and the road commission contributing \$28,459.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll called. P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

3) Township Vision Insurance Renewal:

K. Cousino motioned to renew vision insurance renewal with VSP for two years with the current rates staying the same, employee only \$12.20/month, employee plus one \$18.63, and family \$33.40/month. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

4) Kristine Crammond Retirement:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the retirement of Kristine Crammond with regrets and well wishes. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

5) American Heating & Cooling – quote for new furnace:

P. Perry motioned to accept the quote for a new furnace from American Heating & Cooling at \$13,870.20. This will include the removal of two units and condensing to one unit in the board room. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion Carried.

6) Budget Amendment Request - LEF:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve a 4.5% cost of living raise for Officers Carrier, Derwoed, Nadeau. Amendments to the budget reduce line item 207-301-977.001 by \$28,000. Transfer \$25,000 to Patrolman wages 207-301-706.001; \$3,000 to equipment line 207-301-977.000; \$2,000 to transportation line 207-301-860.000; and \$2,000 to Social Security line 207-301-715.00. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

7) Part – Time Secretary:

K. Cousino motioned to advertise for a part time secretary for 16-24 hours per week at \$14.00 per hour as well as for recording secretary for various committees. C. Wisbon supported the motion. Motion Carried.

8) Request for Proposal for Legal Representation:

P. Perry motioned to move ahead with request for proposal for legal representation. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

9) Erie Fire Department Officers for 2023:

P. Perry motioned to accept the Erie Fire Department Officers for 2023 as presented by Chief Billegas. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

10) Resignation of Steven Sepulveda from MPFD:

P. Perry motioned to accept the resignation of Steven Sepulveda from MPFD with regrets from Morin Point Fire Department. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

F. Public and Board Member Comment:

David Cowdrey 11001 Victory Rd. Erie, Mi asked why all officers didn't get the increase in pay. Board responded that it only applied to full time officers.

Diane LaPlante questioned EPD mileage.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. K. Cousino Supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk