

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

February 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Erie Township Fire Hall, 2048 Manhattan St. Erie, Michigan. Township Clerk Kim Cousino 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 – Absent - Excused

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

K. Cousino made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint a chair for the meeting. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

K. Cousino motioned to appoint S. Mishka as chair. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; January 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, January 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, January 2023

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Michigan Gas Utilities
- 2) Carlisle Wortman
- 3) Michigan PAR Plan News

- 4) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date
- 5) Consumer's Energy
- 6) March 2023 Board of Review Meeting Dates and Times

K. Cousino motioned to approve items 1-6 waiving the reading. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante 1324 Sterns Rd wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and asked a question regarding ARPA Funds and NO Engine Brake signs.

Steve Harrison spoke regarding concerns about Air BnB's.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Representative from Mason Consolidated Schools:

Brandon Bates, High School Principal was present on behalf of Mason Consolidated Schools. He spoke regarding the boys varsity league winners. He thanked the Erie Fire Department with special mention to Corey Bomia regarding a medical emergency that occurred at the high school. He stated that Office Rollins will go over the updated emergency response plan with local agencies. Mr. Bates reminded the community and board members that the non-homestead millage will be on the ballot for the election on May 2, 2023.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36097 - #36178 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$239,272.91. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called C. Wisbon – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

3) Certificate Recognizing Kristine Crammond for Years of Service as Recording Secretary:

The board recognized Kristine Crammond for her years of service to the planning commission.

4) Erie Fire Department New Hire Richard Crawford:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve hiring fireman, Richard Crawford, with standard probationary period to Erie Fire Department. K. Cousino supported. Motion Carried.

5) RFP For Legal Representation:

K. Cousino motioned to publish the request for proposal for legal services as presented in necessary means at a reasonable price with issue date being March 1, 2023 and due on May 1, 2023. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

6) ARPA Funds:

Annual ARPA report is due April 30, 2023. The township is obligated to allocate funds by December 31, 2024 and expenditures completed by December 31, 2026. Board members are to do more research then set up a meeting to move forward.

7) Quote from MCRC for “No Engine Brake” Signs:

K. Cousino motioned to approve the cost for three “No Engine Brake” signs in the amount of \$1315.94 to be placed on Samaria and Telegraph as well as on Erie Rd. near the old Consumers Energy location. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon -yes. Motion Carried.

8) Schedule Public Hearing for Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to schedule a public hearing for Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District on March 14, 2023 at 7pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

K. Cousino spoke regarding the election on May 2, 2023 for the non-homestead millage, precincts will be combined, all Erie voters will vote at Erie Township Hall, and the changes proposal 2022-2 will bring to elections.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. C. Wisbon Supported. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk