

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

March 14, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday March 14, 2022, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Township Clerk Kimberly 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 – Present

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to appoint S. Mishka as chairperson for the meeting. Motion carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; February 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, February 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, February 2023
- 5) Erie Police Report; February 2023

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to approve and place on file consent agenda items 1-5 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) EGLE
- 2) SEMCOG – National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- 3) City of Luna Pier – Visioning Workshop Invitation
- 4) Bobbie’s Staff – Heroes on the Hardwood

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-4 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane La Plante stated the park commission is working on renewing their park plan, copies of the draft plan are available at the township office and on the website, the park commission's next meeting is April 13 at which they will adopt the plan and refer to the township board to hold a public hearing and adopt.

Ken Gonyea asked where the new water line pipe is being laid; Cindy Wisbon responded that South County Water is replacing the lines on Manhattan from Summit St. to the alley behind the township hall, down Elm St. and Fletcher.

Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough, was present and provided statistics on calls they responded to in the township in 2022.

Dennis Butch stated he and his family established Bobbie's Staff, a non-profit organization with the purpose of eliminating food insecurities at Mason Schools, they are hosting Heroes on the Hardwood, and have asked the board to adopt a proclamation recognizing April 30, 2023 as First Responders Appreciation Day, which will coincide with their Heroes on the Hardwood event.

Brandon Bates Mason High School Principal provided information regarding the non-homestead millage proposal which will appear on the May 2, 2023 ballot.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Proclamation – April 30, 2023 as First Responders Appreciation Day:**

K. Cousino read the proclamation:

WHEREAS, First Responders are ready, willing, and able to provide aid and assistance to all at anytime and anywhere;

WHEREAS, First Responders study, train and develop the skills necessary to provide the aid and assistance;

WHEREAS, citizens appreciate the efforts of all First Responders who, like postmen, do their good work through rain, snow and sleet bringing life support to the sick and injured;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Erie, Michigan, to recognize the great work and effort of all First Responders, does hereby declare April

30, 2023 First Responders Appreciation Day in Erie Township and asks its citizens to thank a First Responder for their services.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the Proclamation recognizing April 30, 2023 as First Responders Appreciation Day, as read. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

## **2) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #36179 - #36227 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$83,009.85. Checks #1673 - #1674 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$618.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

## **3) Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 117-H:**

P. Perry presented the proposed zoning ordinance amendment No. 117-H, which would update table 10-2, permitted principal uses in all districts, to separate commercial stables, hunt clubs, outdoor or indoor shooting ranges, and campgrounds as individual uses and to permit campgrounds as a special use in the C-W, waterfront commercial zoning district. This use is currently not permitted in the C-W district.

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino that the board adopt the zoning ordinance amendment No. 117-H as presented to allow campgrounds as a special use in C-W district and separate commercial stables, hunt clubs, outdoor or indoor shooting ranges, and campgrounds as individual uses in table 10-2. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

## **4) Contract with Spotts Portable Restrooms:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to approve the three-year contract with Spotts Portable Restrooms as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

## **5) Race for the Kids Local Road Closure Request:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the local road closure request for the Race for the Kids as presented on June 10, 2023. Motion carried.

## **6) Race for the Kids Resolution:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to approve the Race for the Kids resolution as presented, waiving the reading. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**8) Race for the Kids State Hwy Road Closure Request:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the Race for the Kids state highway road closure request for June 10, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

**9) Monroe County Road Commission – Local Bridge Program Resolution:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the Local Bridge Program Resolution for the Bay Creek Rd. crossing Bay Creek, committing the township to a 5% share to the construction costs and all costs for preliminary engineering and construction engineering for the project should the grant be awarded, in the amount of \$232,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**10) Clerk – ARPA Funds:**

K. Cousino provided board members with information regarding the ARPA funds, discussion was held and it was decided that we will continue the discussions and request public input at future meetings.

**11) Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District – Public Hearing April 11, 2023:**

Due to the recent ice storm Consumers Energy was not able to provide a quote for the additional streetlight to be installed on Streetman St. in time for public notification, the public hearing for the Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District will be on April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**F) PUBLIC & BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk