

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

April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 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 was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

C. Wisbon motioned to approve items 1 – 5 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported the motion. Motion carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Par Plan News

K. Cousino motioned to approve correspondence item one waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Representative from Mason Consolidated Schools:

Mason middle school principal, Ben Russow, and Mason Consolidated Schools board member, Pat Larrow, were present to speak to the public regarding the May 2nd election.

2) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36228 - #36274 from the general fund including payroll, ACH & EFT in the amount of \$119,664.19. Check #1675 - #1676 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$618.00. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

3) Public Hearing: Streetman St. Streetlight Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon motioned to close regular meeting at 7:08pm. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

C. Wisbon motioned to open public hearing for Streetman St. Streetlight Special Assessment District at 7:08 pm. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

A request was received for one more streetlight to be added near the address of 965 Streetman. The cost is \$100.00 for the installation of a 40-watt LED cobrahead light. There are 26 parcels in the district, the cost for installation and use will be equally assessed to each parcel. A resident from the district stated that area doesn't need a light, he said the intersection of Preston & Streetman needs a light. Discussion was held.

P. Perry motioned to close the public hearing at 7:14 pm. C. Wisbon Supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to re-open regular board meeting. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

4) Resolution Streetman St. Streetlight Special Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to table the Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District resolution to amend and contact Consumers Energy regarding a light being placed at Preston and Streetman. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

5) Consumers Energy Contract for Change in Standard Lighting Contract Streetman St. Streetlight District:

Tabled.

6) Agreement with Mannik & Smith Group for Downtown Erie Improvements:

Barry Bushmann was present from Mannik & Smith Group to present the contract for the downtown Erie improvement project and spoke regarding Erie Township being awarded the SEMCOG TAP Grant in the amount of \$335,712, as well as \$50,000 from Ralph Wilson Legacy grant. Mannik & Smith’s engineering fees for the project are estimated to be \$105,400. Discussion was held.

K. Cousino motioned to enter into agreement with Mannik & Smith Group for the downtown Erie improvement project, as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion Carried.

7) Request from Assessor Julie Durocher to Attend a Course by Southeastern Chapter Michigan Assessor Association:

K. Cousino motioned to approve the request from assessor Julie Durocher to attend a course by Southeastern Chapter Michigan Assessor Association for \$40.00. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried

8) Hire Part – Time Police Officer

P. Perry motioned to approve the hiring of part time police officer Paul Spaulding at \$23.50/hr. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion Carried.

9) SEMCOG Membership Renewal:

K. Cousino motioned to approve the SEMCOG membership renewal for \$852.00 per year. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. G. Wilmoth – yes, P. Perry -yes, C. Wisbon – yes, K. Cousino – yes, S. Mishka – yes. Motion carried.

10) Budget Amendments:

C. Wisbon motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented. P. Perry supported. Discussion was held. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

11) ARPA Funds Discussion:

Further discussion was held regarding potential ARPA fund projects.

12) Schedule Public Hearing for Park Plan – May 9, 2023

K. Cousino motioned to schedule a public hearing for the five-year park and recreation plan for May 9, 2023 at 7:00pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Steve Harrison asked about Mason Consolidated non-homestead millage.

Tom Sancrant asked if ARPA Funds could be used to purchase cemetery flags for veterans.

Kim Cousino reminded everyone of the election on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will be combined and held at Erie Township Hall.

Diane LaPlante asked if ARPA Funds could be used for more election equipment.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. P. Perry supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk