

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
Erie, Michigan

May 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, May 9, 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 April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; April 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, April 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, April 2023
- 5) Police Report; April 2023

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Michigan Gas Utilities
- 2) Charter Communications
- 3) Consumers Energy
- 4) Monroe County Equalization Department
- 5) Monroe County Drain Commissioner
- 6) DTE Electric Company
- 7) Erie Fire Dept Calls to Date

C. Wisbon motioned to approve correspondence items 1-7 waiving the reading. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Harrison spoke regarding Air BnB near his house.

Diane La Plante recommended Irwin Concrete Leveling.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36275 - #36344 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$88,258.87. Check #1677 - #1678 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$663.00. P. Perry supported the motion. Roll was called C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Public Hearing: Erie Township Five Year Park & Recreation Plan:

K. Cousino motioned to close regular meeting at 7:03pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

K. Cousino motioned to open the public hearing for the Erie Township five-year Park & Recreation Plan. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

K. Cousino spoke regarding the five-year Park and Recreation Plan. Discussion was held.

P. Perry motioned to close the public hearing for Erie Township five-year Park and Recreation Plan at 7:06pm. S. Mishka supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open the regular board meeting at 7:06 pm. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

3) Resolution to Adopt the Erie Township Five Year Park & Recreation Plan:

K. Cousino motioned to adopt the Erie Township five-year Park & Recreation Plan as presented. P. Perry Supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes. K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

4) Delta Dental Insurance Renewal:

K. Cousino motioned to approve Delta Dental Insurance renewal as presented with a 0% increase. C. Wisbon supported. Roll Called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion carried

5) Michigan Association of Planning Membership:

Cost for the membership is \$780.00 which is a \$55.00 increase from previous year.

P. Perry motioned to approve the Michigan Association of Planning Membership for \$780.00. S. Mishka supported. Roll Called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka - yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

6) Quote from Irwin Concrete Leveling:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept quote from Irwin Concrete Leveling in the amount of \$1100.00 to level eleven sections of sidewalk on Manhattan St. in front of the Erie Library. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

7) Repairs for Police Interceptor – 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe:

Tabled at this time.

8) Morin Point Fire Department – Brandon Royston and Nathan Lampe – Promoted to Firemen:

Morin Point Fire Chief, Patrick Zaleski, spoke regarding both Brandon Royston and Nathan Lampe completing credentials and subsequently being promoted to firemen.

9) Short Term Rentals:

Discussion was held regarding short term rentals.

10) ARPA Funds Discussion:

A) Township Roof:

Mike Demski to revise request for proposal to include specifications for asphalt and metal roofing

B) Cemetery Flags for Veterans:

K. Cousino confirmed that township funds can be used for the purchase of American Flags for Veterans. Tom Sancrant from the Erie VFW stated they need approximately 620 flags for the three cemeteries in the township.

C) Township Vehicle, Police Vehicle:

Discussion was held over the quote provided by Chief Tim Ames for a 2023 Ford Utility Interceptor AWD \$43,482.00, the board would like to keep the fleet consistent and purchase another white vehicle.

D) Morin Point Fire Department Parking Lot:

C. Wisbon to get specifications to advertise for bids.

E) There was also discussion regarding having the township hall parking lot sealed and striped, Morin Point Fire Department tapping into natural gas when it becomes available, C. Wisbon suggested a digital sign in front of Township.

11) Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors Election:

No action taken.

12) Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Directors Election:

No action taken.

13) Attorney Representation Proposals Received:

K. Cousino suggested the board members take time to review the proposals on their own and then have discussion over the proposals at the special meeting on May 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

14) Schedule Public Hearing for 2023 – 2024 Budget:

K. Cousino motioned to schedule public hearing for 2023 – 2024 budget on June 13, 2023 at 7:00pm, during the regular board meeting. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

15) Schedule Public Hearings for Expiring Special Assessment Districts; Maplewood, Morin Grove, Petee’s Colony:

C. Wisbon motioned to schedule the first public hearing for expiring special assessment districts; Maplewood, Morin Grove, Petees Colony, and Morin Point East to be held on July 11, 2023, and the second public hearing to be held on August 8, 2023, both at 7:00 p.m. during a regular board meeting. P. Perry supported. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Superintendent from Mason Consolidated Schools, Kelly Tuller, along with Board of Education Vice President, Ben Smith, were present and thanked the public for passing the non-homestead operating millage.

Diane La Plante thanked the board for wrapping up five-year Park and Recreation Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry made the motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. K. Cousino supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk