

**Erie Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**Erie, Michigan**

June 13, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, June 13, 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- Absent - Excused  
Steve Mishka, Trustee – Present  
Paul Perry, Trustee – Present

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

G. Wilmoth made a motion to appoint C. Wisbon as chair for board meeting. S. Mishka supported. Motion carried  
C. Wisbon motioned to amend the agenda to add Item #16 New Hire Jason Massingill for Morin Point Fire Department. P. Perry supported the motion. Motion carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing & May 19, 2023 Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report; May 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, May 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, May 2023
- 5) Police Report; May 2023

C. Wisbon motioned to place on file consent agenda items 1-5 with the exception of correcting minutes from May 19, 2023 Special Meeting. S. Mishka supported the motion. Motion carried.

### **C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Monroe County Drain Commissioner
- 2) DTE Electric Company
- 3) Erie Fire Department
- 4) Provident Insurance Company
- 5) Monroe County Emergency Management

S. Mishka motioned to approve and place on file items 1-5 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Diane LaPlante thanked Erie Police Department regarding truck violations and traffic control as well as the Fire Departments regarding calls and assistance at the Race for the Kids, also complimented everyone involved with Race for the Kids.

### **E. BUSINESS:**

#### **1) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36345 - #36344 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$131,497.74. Check #1679 - #1690 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$157,732.24. S. Mishka supported the motion. Roll was called G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion carried.

#### **2) Public Hearing: Erie Township Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

P. Perry motioned to close the regular board meeting at 7:09 p.m. S. Mishka supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open the public hearing for the Erie Township budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding 2023/2024 proposed budget.

P. Perry Motioned to close public hearing at 7:22 p.m. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open regular board meeting. S. Mishka supported. Motion carried.

**3) Township Employee Pay Scale:**

P. Perry motioned to accept proposed pay rates as presented effective July 1, 2023 with the exception of Cindy Cichy to be \$17.00/hr. as of May 19, 2023. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll call. S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion carried.

**4) Township Health Insurance Renewal:**

G. Wilmoth Motioned to renew the township health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes. Motion carried.

**5) MTA Membership Renewal:**

P. Perry motioned to renew MTA Membership at \$3,639.75. G. Wilmoth Supported. Roll called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry -yes. Motion carried.

**6) Adopt Township Budget for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Fiscal Year:**

P. Perry motioned to adopt the township budget for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 fiscal year, allowing for change in pay increase not to exceed 4%. G. Wilmoth supported. Roll called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

**7) Quote to Re-Cover Library Awning:**

Tabled at this time to allow the board to find out the price and benefits on canvas vs. vinyl laminate.

**8) Quote to Replace Two Garage Doors on Township Hall Garage:**

P. Perry motioned to accept the quote from Ray’s Door to replace two garage doors on the township hall garage at \$2,500.00. S. Mishka supported. Roll called. S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion carried.

**9) 2023 Tax Rate Request; L-4029:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the 2023 tax rate request; L-4029 as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

**10) General Fund Tax Levy Resolution:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the general fund tax levy resolution as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes. Motion carried.

**11) Police Fund Tax Levy Resolution:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the police fund tax levy resolution as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes. Motion carried.

**12) Fire District Tax Levy Resolution:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the fire district tax levy resolution as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. P. Perry – yes, G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

**13) Fire Protection Capital Expenditures Tax Levy Resolution:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the fire protection capital expenditures tax levy resolution as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion carried.

**14) 2022 – 2023 Budget Amendments:**

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the 2022 - 2023 budget amendments as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. G. Wilmoth – yes, S. Mishka – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion carried.

**15) ARPA Funds Discussion:**

S. Mishka motioned to release the request for proposals for the township hall roof. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

The Historical Society would like signs installed at the north and south ends of Erie Township; board members to request pictures of what the signs will look like and estimates.

**16) Morin Point Fire Department New Hire Jason Massingill:**

S. Mishka motioned to hire Jason Massingill as firemen on Morin Point Fire Department. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Supervisor Gary Wilmoth stated that he will be taking a sabbatical for an undetermined amount of time. Mike Grodi will act as deputy supervisor effective June 13, 2023.

Brandon Bates, Mason High School Principal, thanked the township for their support throughout the year.

Bill Jacobs spoke regarding truck traffic on Grodi Rd and requested that the board call the road commission regarding truck traffic and asked who owns the road. Erie Fire Department Chief Manuel Billegas stated that the trucks took down a powerline which caused a shed to catch fire.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

C. Wisbon made the motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm. P. Perry supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk