

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
Erie, Michigan

July 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

P. Perry made a motion to appoint S. Mishka as chair for the board meeting. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes Approval from June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report; June 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, June 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, June 2023

C. Wisbon motioned to approve items 1-4 waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Monroe County Road Commission
- 2) Monroe County Road Commission
- 3) Toledo Fire and Rescue Department Chief Allison Armstrong
- 4) MERS

5) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante thanked the Erie Police Department for great job, with special recognition to Officer Derwood.

30th District House Representative William Bruck spoke regarding Bill No. 4845 to rename a portion of South Dixie Highway between Albain Rd and Dunbar Rd in memory of Captain Joe Liedel. Mr. Bruck also spoke regarding Bill No. 4741 which will reimburse townships for Veterans that qualify for property tax exemption. He also stated that he will be holding a coffee hour on July 17, 2023 at Decapo from 7:30am to 9:30am.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon made the motion to approve checks #36441 - #36510 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$121,317.59. Nothing from the Trust and Agency account. K. Cousino supported the motion. Roll was called C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Public Hearing for Maplewood Special Assessment District, Morin Grove Special Assessment District, Petee’s Colony Special Assessment District, Matty Drive Streetlight Special Assessment District:

P. Perry motioned to close the regular board meeting at 7:08pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open the public hearings for the special assessment districts of Maplewood, Morin Grove, Petees Colony, and Matty Drive streetlighting. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

Maplewood Special Assessment District Public Hearing:

Maplewood Special Assessment District is currently at \$300 per year per parcel, there are 66 parcels.

Sandy Dobbs suggested going back to \$100.00 per year per parcel.

Danny Taylor agreed with the decrease to \$100.00 per year per parcel.

The Board received a letter from resident and property owner in Maplewood, Jay Bowman, requesting the assessment be brought back down to \$100 per year per parcel.

Morin Grove Special Assessment District Public Hearing:

Morin Grove has 28 parcels which are currently assessed at \$100.00 per year. No one from the Morin Grove district was present for comments.

Petees Colony Special Assessment District Public Hearing:

Petees Colony is currently at \$100 per parcel per year with 12 parcels. Current Balance is \$5,678.64. Scott Cerveny who is a resident and property owner of Shallow Creek spoke regarding the possibility of combining Petees Colony Special Assessment District with Morin Point West Special Assessment District.

Matty Drive Streetlight Special Assessment District Public Hearing:

Matty Drive Streetlight Special Assessment District will be established for the installation of one streetlight, either on existing the pole and suspend over South Dixie Highway or a new pole will be installed to suspend over Matty Drive. The cost of installation is \$100 and the approximate cost for electric use is \$145 for the year. First year would be \$35 per parcel and each year after would be \$21 per parcel.

Bernie Russel, Sharon Grodi and Manny Evola spoke regarding the placement of the light and agreed that it should be placed on the existing pole, suspended over South Dixie Highway.

P. Perry motioned to close the public hearings for the special assessment districts at 7:34pm. K. Cousino supported. Motion carried.

P. Perry motioned to open the Regular Township Board Meeting. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

3) Resolution Initiating the Renewal of Maplewood Special Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the resolution initiating the renewal of the Maplewood Special Assessment District for five years, at \$100.00 per parcel per year, the second

public hearing to be held on August 8, 2023. P. Perry supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

4) Resolution Initiating the Renewal of Morin Grove Special Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the resolution initiating the renewal of the Morin Grove Special Assessment District for five years, at \$100.00 per parcel per year, the second public hearing to be held on August 8, 2023. P. Perry supported. Roll called. P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

5) Resolution Initiating the Renewal of Petee’s Colony Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to table the resolution to renew Petee’s Colony Assessment District, the board will contact legal counsel for direction on combining districts. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes.

6) Resolution to Establish the Matty Drive Streetlight Special Assessment District:

K. Cousino motioned to adopt the resolution establishing the Matty Drive Streetlight Special Assessment District, the streetlight will be suspended on the existing pole located on South Dixie Hwy. P. Perry supported. Roll called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, P. Perry – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

7) Contract with Consumers Energy for Matty Drive Streetlight Installation:

K. Cousino motioned to accept the contract with Consumers Energy for Matty Drive streetlight installation for \$100.00. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

8) Morin Point Fire Department Parking Lot – Request for Bids:

P. Perry motioned to accept and publish the Morin Point Fire Department parking lot request for bids as presented. C. Wisbon supported. Motion carried.

9) Erie Township Library Awning:

C. Wisbon motioned to accept the quote from Wettle Corp for Sunbrella Canvas for the library awning, in the amount of \$2,535.00. K. Cousino supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

10) Approval for Installation of Signage on Bridgewater Drive:

Tabled at this time.

11) Approval for Installation of Signage on Baycreek Rd. Bridge:

P. Perry motioned to approve installation of two “no parking” signage on Baycreek Rd. bridge, in the amount of \$124. K. Cousino supported. Roll Called. P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

12) Request to Increase Officer Nadeau’s Pay:

K. Cousino motioned to approve the request to increase Officer Nadeau’s pay by \$0.19 per hour effective immediately. P. Perry supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry - yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

13) Resolution for a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement from Betty M. Smith Trust:

P. Perry motioned to accept the resolution for a partial termination of a the Farmland Development Rights Agreement from the Betty M. Smith Trust, as presented. C. Wisbon supported. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

14) 2022 – 2023 Budget Amendments:

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

15) 2023 – 2024 Budget Amendments:

K. Cousino motioned to approve the 2023 – 2024 budget amendments as presented. P. Perry supported. Roll called. S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion carried.

16) Updated and New Erie Township Police Department Policies:

K. Cousino motioned to accept and place on file Policy 14 – Search and Seizure, Policy 15a – Line of Duty Death or Serious Injury, Policy 15b – Funeral Protocol, Policy 19 – Use of Force, Policy 45 – Workplace Threats and Violence, Policy 46 – Employee Sexual Misconduct, as presented waiving the reading. P. Perry supported. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Steve Harrison spoke regarding short term rentals, stating the current masterplan doesn’t allow for commercial businesses.

Scott Dusseau spoke regarding the short term rentals that he owns and operates, they are all well maintained and he is always available if there are every any issues.

S. Mishka stated pickleball courts are completed at Maplewood Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:59pm. P. Perry supported. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk