

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Erie, Michigan

August 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, August 8, 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 moved supported by K. Cousino, to appoint S. Mishka as chair for board meeting. Motion carried

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino, to table Petee’s Colony resolution. Motion carried.

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon, to add Digital Perspective to the agenda as item #17. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes Approval from July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report; July 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, July 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, July 2023
- 5) Police Report; July 2023

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Michigan Gas
- 2) DTE Electric
- 3) Building & Zoning Official Michael Demski
- 4) Letter from Resident
- 5) Accushred
- 6) Alliance of Rouge Communities
- 7) Monroe County Drain Commissioner

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-7, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane LaPlante inquired about the bike lane being done when Summit Street is re-striped.

Steve Harrison spoke regarding Air BnB and asking board to act against them.

Jennifer Dusseau spoke regarding issues with neighbors regarding the Air BnB that she owns.

Scott Dusseau spoke regarding being taunted due to owning Air BnB's.

Scott Cerveny inquired about when natural gas will run down their plat on the west side of Summit St.

Bob Morrin spoke regarding the gas lines and the special assessment on his property in Petee's Colony.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to approve checks #36511 - #36568 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$100,520.22. Checks #1691 - #1699 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,633.38. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Public Hearings:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to close the Regular Board Meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion carried.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to open the public hearings at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.

a. Maplewood Special Assessment District:

Danny Taylor spoke in regards to the special assessment for private roads in Maplewood; they are in favor of \$100 per parcel per year for five years (2023-2027)

b. Morin Grove Special Assessment District

No property owners were present from the district.

c. Petee’s Colony Special Assessment District

Bob Morin spoke regarding his parcels in the district, he would like to combine two of them. Cindy Wisbon informed Bob Morin of the process to combine parcels and advised him to meet with the township assessor.

d. Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District:

Property owners present from the district are in favor of the addition of two streetlights; one at the corner of Streetman and Preston and another towards the intersection of Dixie and Streetman. The cost of installation is \$100.00 per light and electric charge of \$145 per year per light to be divided among 26 parcels.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to close the public hearings at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to open the regular board meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

3) Resolution Maplewood Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to approve the resolution the renew the Maplewood Special Assessment District at \$100 per parcel, per year, for five years, with a total of 64 parcels. Roll called; S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes. Motion carried.

4) Resolution Morin Grove Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to approve the resolution to renew the Morin Grove Special Assessment District at \$100 per parcel, per year, for five years, with a total of 28 parcels. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

5) Resolution Petee’s Colony Special Assessment District:

Tabled at this time.

6) Resolution Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to approve the resolution to modify the Streetman Streetlight Special Assessment District for the installation of two new additional streetlights at \$100 per light for installation, electric use at \$145 per year per light, to be divided among 26 parcels. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon -yes. Motion carried.

7) Consumers Energy Resolution & Contract: Streetman Street Light Addition:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino, to approve the Consumers Energy resolution & contract for the Streetman Street Light addition for two new lights at \$100 per light. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

8) Township Legal Representation:

K. Cousino and S. Mishka recommended the township continue its relationship with Graham and Goldsmith for legal representation.

9) Monroe Conservation District Service Agreement:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to approve a contribution of \$500.00 to the Monroe Conservation District. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

10) Township Hall & Garage Roof:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to enter into contract with T-J Roofing for the township hall roof replacement in the amount of \$53, 618 with the addition of 24’ aluminum valley, and \$6,184.00 for the township garage roof using landmark pro shingles for both buildings. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

11) Township Hall Parking Lot:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to enter into contract with Monroe Asphalt in the amount of \$3,930.00 to have the township parking lot crack-filled, sealed, and striped. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

12) Contract with Monroe County Road Commission for Improvements to Gaynier Rd:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino, to enter into Contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for a single chip seal to Gaynier Rd with Erie Township portion to cost \$3,665.00. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

13) Resolution of Support for the Michigan Township Participation Plan Grant Application:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to adopt the resolution of support for the Michigan Township Participation Plan Grant application for a Code 3 Matrix Howler Siren at \$1200.00 for the police department. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

14) Purchase Signage for Morin Point Fire Department:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to approve the purchase of two “No turn around” signs through Monroe County Road Commission in the amount of \$445.28 to be placed at Morin Point Fire Department. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

15) Quote to Convert PDF Forms to Online Fillable Forms:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to approve the quote from Shumaker Technology Group to convert certain PDF applications to online fillable forms, project not to exceed \$1500.00. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

16) Erie Orchards Large Gathering Permit:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to approve Erie Orchards large gathering permit and temporary use from September to October, 2023 with Mike Demski’s recommendations as outlined to the board and applicant. Motion carried.

17) Digital Perspective:

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the quote from Digital Perspective to install video conferencing capability in the conference room, not to exceed \$3,500.00. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Dan Taylor spoke regarding the wind damage to the parks and concerns about resident's trees falling into parks.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry, to adjourn meeting at 8:26pm. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk