

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Erie, Michigan

October 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, October 10, 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.

Cindy Wisbon, Treasurer- Present
Kimberly Cousino, Clerk- Present
Steve Mishka, Trustee – Present
Paul Perry, Trustee – Present

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to appoint S. Mishka as chair for board meeting. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes Approval from September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report; September 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, September 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, September 2023
- 5) Police Report; September 2023

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Monroe News
- 2) Correspondence from Resident
- 3) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon, to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-6, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane La Plante brought to attention that noted on the agenda Senator Joe Bellino will be holding office hours at the Erie Township Hall on November 17, 2023.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry, to approve checks #36644 - #36712 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$168,260.20. Checks #1702 - #1703 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$2,079.00. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Public Hearing: Morin Point East Special Assessment District

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to close the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to open the public hearing for the Morin Point East Special Assessment District.

Discussion was held over the purpose of the district, use of funds collected, and assessment amount.

Treasurer C. Wisbon stated if the assessment is \$50 per parcel; \$4,625 will be collected annually. If the assessment is \$100 per parcel; \$9,250 will be collected annually. General consensus of those present from the district was \$100 for three years; the terms will be re-evaluated in three years.

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

P. Perry moved, supported by K. Cousino to open the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

3) Resolution to Renew Morin Point East Special Assessment District

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to adopt the resolution renewing the Morin Point East Special Assessment District, as presented, with an annual assessment of \$100 per parcel, for three years. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

4) Resignation from Richard Cousino from the Erie Fire Department

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to regretfully accept the resignation of Richard Cousino from the Erie Fire Department. Motion carried.

5) Michigan Gas Utilities Franchise Corporation Ordinance

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation Ordinance as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

6) VFW Santa Parade Local Road Closure Request

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve the local road closures of Erie and Manhattan, presented by Erie V.F.W. Post 3925, for the Santa Comes to Erie Parade on December 9, 2023 from 11 am – 12 pm. Motion carried.

7) VFW Santa Parade State Hwy Road Closure Request and Resolution

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to approve the request and resolution from Erie VFW Post 3925 to close Dixie Hwy. between Erie Road and Manhattan, on December 9, 2023 between the hours of 11 am – 12 pm, for the Santa Comes to Erie Parade. Motion carried.

8) VFW Santa Parade Resolution

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the VFW Santa Comes to Erie Parade Resolution as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

9) Township Snowplowing Contract

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to accept the bid submitted by Danny Taylor Excavating and approve the contract for snow plowing services for various township locations and certain private roads. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

10) Special Use Permit: 10813 Telegraph Rd.

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to revoke the special use permit for 10813 Telegraph Rd. effective immediately. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

11) Supervisor Appointment

P. Perry moved, supported by K. Cousino to appoint Mike Grodi as township supervisor to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

12) Resolution in Support of Maintaining Local Control on Various Issues

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to adopt resolutions in support of maintaining local control for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including, solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities; as well as oppose legislation that preempts local control over land uses including short-term rentals and sand and gravel mining. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

13) Update from Legal Counsel on Case No. 23-146507-CH

Attorney Phil Goldsmith was present to address a lawsuit filed by a property owner in the township against Erie Township as well as property owners within the listed plat, and local utilities; the lawsuit is to quiet title a piece of vacated land adjacent to their property. Phil Goldsmith will respond to the lawsuit on behalf of the township. No action is required by the board at this time.

14) Cross-tile Replacement at Morin Point Fire Department

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to accept the estimate from Devos Excavating and approve the work as quoted, for cross-tile work at the Morin Point Fire Department, in the amount of \$4800. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk