

**Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan**

November 14, 2023

With corrections

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the ~~Erie Township Fire Hall, 2048 Manhattan St.~~ **Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd.**, Erie, Michigan Supervisor Mike Grodi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Prayer provided by Danny Taylor.

Mike Grodi, 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 October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing; October 17, 2023, Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report; October 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, October 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, October 2023
- 5) Police Report; October 2023

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) MCRC
- 2) Michigan Public Service Commission
- 3) Building & Zoning Official Michael Demski
- 4) Attorney Jeffrey Osment
- 5) Anderson Grandstaff

- 6) Bedford Township
- 7) Consumers Energy
- 8) Lake Erie/ Lake St. Clair Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee
- 9) Erie Fire Department – Calls to Date

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to approve correspondence items 1-9 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Rollins asked when the berm will be installed around the commercial property next to him.

Brenda Kuhr spoke regarding short-term vacation rentals.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #36713 - #36790 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$231,317.77. Checks #1704 - #1705 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$768.00. Roll was called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Historical Society – Signage:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by P. Perry to approve the purchasing of “Welcome to Historic Erie” signs not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid for by ARPA funds. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes. Motion carried.

3) Accept The Michigan PAR Plan Grant:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by S. Mishka to accept The Michigan PAR Plan Grant to be used for the purchase of a howler siren. Motion carried.

4) Remove Michael Roberts and Steven Theisen from MPFD Roster:

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to accept Chief Zaleski’s request to remove Michael Roberts and Steven Theisen from the Morin Point Fire Department roster. Motion carried.

5) MCRC Revised Cost for Baycreek Rd Signage:

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve the revised cost for Baycreek Rd

“No Parking” signs at the new cost of \$324.40. Roll called; S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes. Motion carried.

6) Budget Amendments:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve budget amendments as presented. Roll called; P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon -yes. Motion carried.

7) Resolution Requesting the Monroe County Road Commission to Lower the Speed Limit on a Section of Manhattan St.

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to adopt the resolution requesting the Monroe County Road Commission to lower the speed limit on a section of Manhattan St. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Terry Rollins spoke regarding the “jake braking” occurring daily on Luna Pier Rd. Mike Grodi stated that he would speak with Jerry Danforth.

Diane LaPlante spoke regarding Dixie Hwy and Sterns intersection and gave credit to Erie Police Department.

Kim Cousino stated that the Presidential Primary will be held on February 27, 2024 and that Senator Joe Bellino will be holding office hours at the township on November 17, 2023 from 2 pm – 3 pm.

Cindy Wisbon stated she obtained an estimate to install a digital sign in front of Erie Fire Dept and the Township Hall; approximately \$30,000, asked the board to consider the purchase.

Mike Grodi stated grading will be completed on Algonquin and that legislation was recently passed that preempts local permitting and zoning of large solar arrays.

ADJOURNMENT:

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to adjourn meeting at 7:36pm. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk