

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

December 12, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the 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 – Absent - Excused

Also present was recording secretary, Jackie Cowdrey

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to amend Consent Agenda to add item #6: Erie Fire Department calls to date as well as Items #10 resolution to establish absent voter counting board, #11 request from Building/Zoning Official Michael Demski, #12 request from Bobbie’s Staff to business. Motion carried.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes Approval from November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting; November 22, 2023 Special Meeting; December 1, 2023 Special Meeting.
- 2) Building Report; November 2023
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, November 2023
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, November 2023
- 5) Police Report; November 2023
- 6) Erie Fire Department Calls to Date

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve consent agenda items 1-6, waiving the reading with the correction to the November 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes to correct the location of the meeting to the township hall address. Motion carried.

### **C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Erie Area Historians
- 2) McKenna RE: City of Luna Pier's Intent to Update the Master Plan
- 3) Consumers Energy
- 4) Clerk Cousino RE: Precinct Boundary Change

K. Cousino moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve correspondence items 1-4 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

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

Diane LaPlante requested information regarding the precinct boundary changes.

### **E. BUSINESS:**

#### **1) Erie Area Historians Essay Contest Winners:**

The Erie Area Historians essay contest topic was the history of the Moross House (Frog Leg Inn) First place winner is Madeline Kolbe and second place winner is Easton Cousino. Madeline and Easton read their essays aloud.

#### **2) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #36791 - #36999 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$244,026.88. Checks #1706 - #1713 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$1,347.02. Roll called: C. Wisbon – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

#### **3) 2022 – 2023 Audit:**

Sara Rakfo from Calkins, Hehl and Rafko presented the 2022 – 2023 audit to the board.

K. Cousino moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve the 2022 – 2023 audit as presented. Motion carried.

#### **4) Township Property & Liability Insurance Renewal:**

C. Wisbon moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve the township property & liability insurance renewal with Decker Agency for the amount of \$61,600.00. Motion carried.

**5) Board Appointed Renewals:**

Building Board of Appeals – 2-year Term

Kalob Segar

Matthew Mehki

William Jacobs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 1 year Term

Bob Schwartz

Jackie Cowdrey

Cindy Wisbon

Kim Cousino

Tom Sancrant

Toby Kominek

Rose Taylor

Compensation Commission – 5-year Term

Kenny Rector

Bill Orth

Planning Commission – 3-year Term

Larry Guinn

Dave Cousino

William Jacobs

Manny Evola

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – 3-year Term

Dan Bogart

South County Water Board – Term of Office

Mike Grodi

Commissioner of Weeds – 2-year Term

Mike Demksi

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve the committee appointments as presented. Motion carried.

**6) Resolution for the 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule:**

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve the resolution for the 2024 regular board meeting schedule as presented. Roll called: C. Wisbon – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

**7) Google Workspace Renewal:**

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve the Google workspace renewal in the amount of \$1,584. Roll called: S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes, C. Wisbon – yes, M. Grodi – yes. Motion carried.

**8) Approve Attendance to the MTA Conference:**

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve attendance to the MTA conference to any board members interested, conference dates being April 22 – 25, 2024 in Grand Traverse. Motion carried.

**9) Township Hall Security Cameras:**

K. Cousino moved, supported by C. Wisbon to request bids to upgrade the township hall security cameras. Motion carried.

**10) Resolution to Establish Absent Voter Counting Boards:**

C. Wisbon moved, supported by S. Mishka to adopt the resolution to establish an absent voter counting board as presented. Motion carried.

**11) Request From Building/Zoning Official Michael Demski:**

K. Cousino moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve the pay-out of thirty hours of Mike Demski’s remaining vacation hours. Motion carried.

**12) Request From Bobbie’s Staff:**

S. Mishka moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the placement of the Bobbie’s Staff Blessing Box at the township hall. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Steve Harrison spoke regarding short term rental properties.

Clerk Kim Cousino spoke regarding the precinct change. Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 will be combined, and all will vote at Erie Township Hall, there will be no more voting held at Morin Point Fire Station.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

S. Mishka moved, supported by C. Wisbon to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Meeting adjourned.

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk