

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

February 13, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday February 13, 2024, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Township Supervisor Michael Grodi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The roll was called, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Also present was township attorney Phil Goldsmith.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes approval from January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting; January 6, 2024 workshop; January 11, 2024 Special Meeting; February 6, 2024 Special Meeting
- 2) Building Report; January 2024
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, January 2024
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, January 2024
- 5) Erie Police Report; January 2024
- 6) Fire Departments Reports

C. Wisbon moved, supported by P. Perry to approve items 1 – 6 waiving the reading.  
Motion Carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) ‘Thank you’ from Erie Area Historians
- 2) Citizens for Local Choice
- 3) Bobbie’s Staff
- 4) Michigan Gas Utilities

P. Perry moved, supported by S. Mishka to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-4. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) ARPA Funds:**

Clerk Cousino provided the board with a ledger of the ARPA funds and a reminder that the funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024.

**2) Bills Approval:**

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #36947 - #37002 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$134,511.18. Checks #1722 - #1723 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$792.00. Roll was called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion Carried.

**3) Township Hall Security Camera Upgrade:**

Supervisor Grodi presented the board with two proposals received for the security camera upgrade; Allstar Alarm \$18,474 and Actron \$18,654.05. Discussion was held.

K. Cousino moved, supported by P. Perry to accept and proceed with Actron for the security camera upgrade at township hall, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**4) Rapideau Drain Culvert Replacement on Benore Rd.:**

Supervisor Grodi explained that the Monroe County Road Commission has determined that the Rapideau Drain culvert at Benore Rd. is in critical condition and needs to be replaced. Since the culvert is located on a local road, the Road Commission is looking at Erie Township to fund the replacement, the estimated cost is \$44,000. Discussion was held.

S. Mishka moved, supported by C. Wisbon to enter into a contract with the Monroe County Road Commission to replace the Rapideau Drain culvert in the amount of \$44,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**COMMIT ARPA FUNDS:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to use ARPA funds to pay for the township security camera upgrade and Rapideau Drain culvert replacement. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**5) Local Road Closure Request for Erie Race for the Kids:**

Clerk Cousino presented the local road closure request from the Race for the Kids for the annual 5k run to be held on June 8, 2024.

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve the local road closure for the Race for the Kids annual 5k to be held on June 8, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

**6) Erie Race for the Kids Resolution:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the Race for the Kids Resolution for local road closure on June 8, 2024. Motion carried.

**7) State Highway Road Closure Request (UP-67) and Performance Resolution for Erie Race for the Kids:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the state highway road closure and performance resolution for the Race for the kids annual 5k to be held on June 8, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

**8) Resolution for Charitable Gaming License: Race for the Kids:**

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the local governing body resolution for charitable game licenses for the Race for the Kids as presented. Motion carried.

**9) 3900 Luna Pier Rd. Zoning Permit Application Extension Request:**

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the request from MBC to extend their zoning permit application for 3900 Luna Pier Rd. until April 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

**10) 10670 Victory Rd. Zoning Permit Application Extension Request:**

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the request from MBC to extend their zoning permit application for 10670 Victory Rd. until April 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

**11) Monroe County Library System Branch Library Service Agreement:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the Monroe County Library System branch library service agreement as presented. Motion carried.

**12) Historical Marker “War” with a Happy Ending:**

Clerk Cousino stated the Monroe County Museum System has the historical marker for the ‘war’ with a happy ending ready for installation, they would like to reinstall it at the township hall instead of alongside Dixie Hwy. on the south end of town. Discussion was held.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to direct the Supervisor to work with the Monroe County Road Commission for historical marker placement to be on Erie Rd. where the old water filling station was, alternative location would be alongside the sidewalk in-between the township hall and Erie fire station. Motion carried.

**13) Resolution of Support to Apply for Michigan Township Participation Plan Grant:**

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to accept the resolution of support to apply for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant. Motion carried.

**14) Brick Work for Digital Sign:**

Supervisor Grodi presented the board with an estimate from Ed Bomia to install a new brick base for the digital sign, in the amount of \$5,000; if a new footer is needed the cost will be \$5,800.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to accept and proceed with the brick work as presented by Ed Bomia, not to exceed \$5,800, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**15) Natural Gas Conversion at Morin Point Fire Hall:**

Supervisor Grodi presented three separate bids to convert the Morin Point fire station from propane to natural gas; D.H. Brown, SIEB Plumbing and Heating, and Erie Welding and Mechanical. Discussion was held.

S. Mishka moved supported by P. Perry to table the natural gas conversion for Morin Point fire station. Motion carried.

**16) Township Garage Improvements:**

Supervisor Grodi presented two bids wrap and side the township garage; Curtis Construction Company and from Harper Construction. Discussion was held.

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to accept and proceed with Curtis Construction Company to side the township garage with metal siding, as quoted, not to exceed \$9,000, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

**17) Resolution: 10813 Telegraph Rd.**

Attorney Phil Goldsmith presented the board with a resolution objecting to the renewal of liquor licenses and permits held by Agora, LLC; the law allows local governmental agencies to object to the renewal of liquor licenses to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The resolution presented addresses multiple fatal traffic accidents, operating while intoxicated arrests connected to the licensee, trouble with subject complaints at the establishment, and traffic complaints occurring at Agora gentlemen's club. Discussion was held.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the resolution objecting to the renewal of liquor licenses and permits held by licensee, Agora LLC, as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote, all in favor.

**F. PUBLIC & BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

No public comments.

Treasurer Wisbon stated the culvert repair line will need a budget amendment.

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to add \$44,000 to the road and drain line, general ledger number 101-446-958.002. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

Clerk Cousino provided early voting and election day voting hours.

Supervisor Grodi stated he received a grant in the amount of \$1,200 for Erie Fire from Michigan Gas Utilities for portable transfer pumps; thanked Kuehnlein concrete and Danny Taylor for placing the ballot box; the interior painting of the township hall is complete; the historical society has new display cabinets and are collecting donations of historical artifacts to display.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk