

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

March 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday March 12, 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. Danny Taylor provided an opening prayer.

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

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes approval from February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting; February 29, 2024 Special Meeting;
- 2) Building Report; February 2024
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, February 2024
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, February 2024
- 5) Fire Departments Reports, February 2024

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) National Weather Service
- 2) DTE

P. Perry moved, supported by C. Wisbon to approve and place on file correspondence items 1-2. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved, supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #37003 - #37090 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$142,098.23. Checks #1724 - #1725 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.

2) Monroe County Community of Mental Health:

CEO, Lisa Graham, of the Monroe County Community of Mental health provided a presentation on the programs services and how they can be of assistance to police and first responders.

3) Declaration: April 7, 2024 as First Responders Appreciation Day:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to declare April 7, 2024 as First Responders Appreciation Day in Erie Township. Motion carried.

4) American Heating and Cooling Maintenance Contract:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the HVAC maintenance contract with American Heating and Cooling as presented, at \$69 per unit. Motion carried.

5) R. Smith: Application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement; PA 116:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve the application for farmland development rights agreement, PA 116, from Raymond Smith as presented. Motion carried.

6) AFG Grant Memorandum of Understanding:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the AFG Grant Memorandum of Understanding as presented, for Erie Fire and Morin Point Fire Departments, as presented. Motion carried.

7) Township Hall Carpet Cleaning/Replacement Quotes:

S. Mishka moved supported by P. Perry to proceed with Accurate Carpet Cleaning Services to steam clean all carpet and runners in the township hall, including the library and police department, not to exceed \$3,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

8) ‘No Trucks’ Sign Replacement on Erie and Baycreek Rds.:

M. Grodi provided an update from the Monroe County Road Commission that the no truck signs have been removed per MDOT’s request during I-75 construction work. Signs will be reinstalled when MCRC and MDOT reach an agreeable alternate route solution.

9) Natural Gas Conversion at Morin Point Fire Department:

S. Mishka moved supported by P. Perry to contract the natural gas conversion project at Morin Point Fire Department with D.H. Brown Mechanical, as quoted not to exceed \$30,000, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

10) Waive Building Permit Fee for Digital Sign:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to waive the building permit fee for the digital sign installation at Erie Township Hall/Erie Fire Department. Motion carried.

11) Brint Electric – Digital Sign Feed:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to approve Brint Electric to upgrade the electrical feed to the digital sign as presented, not to exceed \$4,055. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

12) Digital Sign Policy:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to adopt the Erie Township Digital Sign Policy as presented. Motion carried.

13) Expiring Fire Equipment Millage and Township Operating Millage:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to direct legal counsel to draft ballot language to renew the Fire Department capital expenditures millage; two (2) mills to be collected for five (5) years. Motion carried.

M. Grodi stated the township operating millage has been reduced from 1 mill to 0.7911 mills due to the headlee amendment, the board should consider a future ballot proposal to increase back to one full mill.

F. PUBLIC & BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mason Central Elementary School principal, Deb McCain stated school will be dismissing two hours early on April 8 for the solar eclipse, public is welcome to use the parking lot to view the eclipse. An RFP is open for architects to evaluate the school buildings.

Supervisor Grodi provided an update from MDOT regarding the Summit St. bridge over the railroad tracks; their plan is to complete repair work on the northbound side, shift traffic to the northbound lane, remove and rebuild the southbound lane first, then remove and repair the northbound lane, it is unknown when work will begin. MDOT has also evaluated Summit / Dixie and Summit / Erie Rd. intersections and are considering improved signage, they are also exploring ways to slow traffic traveling through town.

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk