

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

July 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan 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 recording secretary, Attorney Phil Goldsmith.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes Approval from June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
- 2) Building Report; June 2024
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, June 2024
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, June 2024
- 5) Police Report; June 2024
- 6) Fire Departments Report; June 2024

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve consent agenda items 1-6 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Monroe County Drain commissioner
- 2) Consumers Energy
- 3) ARPA Balance Sheet
- 4) OHM Advisors RE: Summit Street Overpass Project Time Line
- 5) Huntington Bank
- 6) MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to approve correspondence items 1-6 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane La Plante provided an update on the intersection of Dixie Hwy. and Sterns Rd.; metal posts have been installed.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #37329 - #37398 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$183,213.10. Checks #1741 - #1743 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$801.00. Roll called. C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) MML Workers Compensation Fund Trustee Election:

K. Cousino moved supported S. Mishka to cast the ballot for the MML workers compensation fund trustee election slate for the three candidates. Motion carried.

3) MERS 2024 Officer & Delegate Certification Form:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to appoint Mike Grodi as the delegate for the 2024 MERS conference. Motion carried.

4) Digital Perspective Contract Renewal:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to renew the contract with Digital Perspective as presented. Motion carried.

5) Budget Amendments 2023-2024 Fiscal Year:

P. Perry move supported by C. Wisbon to approve the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget amendments as presented. Roll called: C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

6) Michigan Association of Planning Membership Renewal:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to renew the Michigan Association of Planning membership in the amount of \$780. Motion carried.

7) EV Charging Station:

Supervisor Grodi presented an estimate from Red E Charging to install an EV charging station at the township hall, total project cost is \$105,248.00, Consumers Energy grants would total \$77,500, township share would be \$27,748.00. Supervisor Grodi stated an anonymous donor has committed to contributing 1/3 of the township share. Discussion was held.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to table decision on the EV charging station until more grants and/or funds can be secured. Motion carried.

8) Outstanding Deferred Special Assessment: 2612 Gary Dr., 05 230 010 00:

A deferred water line extension special assessment in the amount of \$6,533.33 was granted to 2612 Gary Dr, parcel 05 230 010 00, years ago, both owners have since passed and the deferment is due to the township according to the agreement. Attorney Phil Goldsmith recommended the township open a probate on the property as a creditor, a claim will then be filed on the estate. Discussion was held.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to direct Phil Goldsmith to determine whether the property located at 2612 Gary Dr. is currently in probate, if not to open a probate, and to file a claim on behalf of the township as a creditor. Motion carried.

9) Outstanding Deferred Loan: 1180 Watson, 05 180 035 00:

A deferred community development block grant loan in the amount of \$7,000 was granted to 1180 Watson, 05 180 035 00, on September 12, 2000, both owners have since passed and the loan is now due to the township according to the agreement. Attorney Tom Graham was in contact with a family member regarding the property, but said family member has stopped responding to correspondence. Attorney Phil Goldsmith recommended the township open a probate on the property as a creditor, a claim will then be filed on the estate. Discussion was held.

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to direct Phil Goldsmith to determine whether the property located at 1180 Watson is currently in probate, if not to open a probate, and to file a claim on behalf of the township as a creditor. Motion carried.

10) Township Property on Telegraph Rd., 05 008 178 10:

Supervisor Grodi explained he has been approached by a neighboring parcel owner interested in purchasing a portion of the township owned property on Telegraph Rd. Supervisor Grodi asked Manny Evola to prepare a report regarding a potential split of the property. Discussion was held.

S. Mishka moved supported by K. Cousino to hire a commercial appraisal to be completed on the township owned property on Telegraph Rd., parcel 05 008 178 10, not to exceed \$1,200; the appraisal is to be completed on the entire parcel and if it were to be split into a 2.67acre parcel and 3.01acre parcel. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Clerk Cousino: Stated absentee ballots have been mailed.

Trustee Perry: Thanked Manny Evola for submitting a professional report.

Supervisor Grodi: Thanked Manny Evola for providing the report. Mike Demski has been in contact with the owner of the motel on Dixie Hwy., the property has been secured but it is on the verge of being considered a dangerous building. Thanked Jill and Bill Tabbert for cleaning up the lots on Sterns Rd. and the abandoned boats from the lake. Supervisor Grodi has also received a complaint about vehicles, campers, and trailers being stored on township property at Morin Point Fire Department, Officer Nadeau has contacted the owners of said property and directed them to remove their property from township grounds. Attorney Phil Goldsmith stated the township liability is exposed if damage were to be done to privately owned property stored at the fire hall, recommends the board defer this topic to the next regularly scheduled board meeting for further action if property is not removed.

ADJOURNMENT

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to adjourn the meeting at 8: 07 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk