

Erie Township Board
Regular Meeting
Erie, Michigan

November 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, November 12, 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. Prayer was led by Danny Taylor.

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

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to amend agenda adding Monroe County siren memo to the agenda. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes Approval from October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and October 8, 2024 Closed Session
- 2) Building Report; October 2024
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, October 2024
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, October 2024
- 5) Police Report; October 2024

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

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) United Way
- 2) Lennard Graham & Goldsmith
- 3) Letter from citizen
- 4) October 15, 2024 Planning Commission draft minutes

- 5) Letters from citizen's RE: proposed marijuana overlay district
- 6) DTE
- 7) Summary of unofficial 2024 General Election results
- 8) Michigan Department of Treasury
- 9) Monroe County Drain Commissioner

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve correspondence items 1-9 waiving the reading. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Assistant Fire Chief Corey Bomia.

Mason high school principal Brandon Bates provided a general update on the results of the community survey, bond option two from the survey will be presented to voters on a 2025 ballot.

Diane La Plante thanked Kim Cousino for her work conducting the General Election.

E. BUSINESS:

1) Bills Approval:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino approve checks #37635 - #37718 from the general fund including payroll and ACH & EFT in the amount of \$149,967.05. Checks #1758 - #1759 from the Trust and Agency account in the amount of \$777.00. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

2) Monroe County Business Alliance membership:

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to purchase a membership with the Monroe County Business Alliance. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

3) Christmas lighting proposal for Township Hall:

Discussion was held on the proposal to hang Christmas lights on the Township Hall and Fire Department.

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to approve \$2,750 to have lights hung on the Township Hall and Erie Fire Department. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

4) Board appointed renewals:

M. Grodi presented appointments to the Board of Review, CDBG, Planning Commission, South County Water Board, and ZBA. There is an opening for ZBA, M. Grodi stated it will be posted on the township website.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the board appointed renewals as presented. Motion carried.

5) Acceptance of the MI PAR Plan risk reduction grant:

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the Mi Par Plan risk reduction grant for \$2,500 to construct an ADA path entry at Maplewood Park. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

6) CINTAS:

Discussion was held over the proposal from CINTAS. Action tabled until more information is obtained.

7) Planning Commission’s recommended amendments to Zoning Ordinance 117 to regulate marijuana facilities in Erie Township:

Discussion was held over the proposed amendment and the results of the citizen-initiated proposal on the November 5, 2024 General ballot, which posed the question to voters of Erie Township to allow for one marihuana retail establishment in Erie.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to reject the planning commission’s recommended amendments to Zoning Ordinance 117 to regulate marijuana facilities in Erie Township. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

8) Board action on regulation of marijuana establishments in Erie Township:

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka to re-affirm the board’s commitment to ordinance no. 122; Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments in Erie Township. Motion carried.

9) ‘No Thru Trick’ signs for Bay Creek Rd.:

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to approve the purchase and installation of ‘No Thru Truck’ signs for Bay Creek Rd. from the Monroe County Road Commission in the amount of \$888.79. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

10)National Fitness Court:

M. Grodi presented the National Fitness Court Campaign, explained this would be installed at Maplewood Park. Discussion was held.

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry to accept the agreement with the National Fitness Court Campaign for the purchase of equipment to be installed at Maplewood Park in the amount of \$110,000. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – no, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried, majority in favor.

11) Monroe County Siren Memo:

M. Grodi presented a memo from the Monroe County Finance Department regarding early warning siren system upgrades throughout the county. All five siren sites will be updated at the cost of the County of Monroe, in the amount of \$91,750.00.

P. Perry moved supported by C. Wisbon to accept and place on file the correspondence from the Monroe County Finance Department regarding early warning siren system upgrades. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Paul Perry stated that he has enjoyed his four years as a trustee.

S. Mishka thanked Paul Perry for his service as a trustee.

K. Cousino thanked Paul Perry for his service as trustee, sent thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Corey Bomia, stated she printed copies of the unofficial election results for local races for the public, the county board of canvassers still need to canvass and certify the election results.

12) Closed session to discuss purchase or lease of property:

S. Mishka moved supported by P. Perry to close the open meeting and enter closed session at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Closed Session.

K. Cousino moved supported by P. Perry re-convene in open session at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

P. Perry moved supported by S. Mishka authorizing township supervisor and attorney Phil Goldsmith to negotiate a purchase agreement for the property at 2029 + 2037 Manhattan, and present said agreement to the township board. Motion carried.

P. Perry moved supported by K. Cousino to proceed with splitting the township owned parcel on Telegraph Rd. and the sale of the back portion to neighboring parcel owner for \$25,000. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, P. Perry – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

C. Wisbon moved supported by P. Perry to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Clerk