VILLAGE OF ERIE

January 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees met in regular session in the Village office on January 11, 2022. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call found the following Trustees present: Joe Froeliger, Jeff Wirth, Becky Cox, Quincy Pool, Tara Kapple, and Woody Besse.

\*\* Trustee Wirth made a motion to approve the December 2021 minutes. Seconded by

Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Wirth, Cox, Kapple, Pool, Besse, and

Froeliger; nay – none.

\*\* Trustee Pool made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report for December.

Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple,

Cox, Wirth, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

\*\* Trustee Froeliger made a motion to approve paying the bills. Seconded by

Trustee Wirth. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Wirth, Cox, Kapple,

Pool, and Besse; nay – none.

\*\* The Village received a donation from Dr. Helen Jepson toward the Cemetery

Fund. A thank you with receipt has been sent.

\*\* Sales tax for September was $12,124.75 and recycling for November was

25,500 pounds.

**Public Comments**

Resident Joyce Wisdom was present to continue the discussion of weeds and sandburs in the Catholic cemetery. President Smith will arrange a meeting in the spring with Joyce, Tom Border and herself to discuss a plan for solving the problem.

At 6:08 Trustee Pool made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Trustee Wirth. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Wirth, Kapple, Cox, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

At 7:04 Trustee Besse made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Besse, Cox, Froeliger, Wirth, Kapple, and Pool; nay – none.

Intern Katelin Bridgman reported to the Board –

* pending tonights vote, Team WTI is ready to start redesigning the Village’s website.
* Moran Economic Development has been chosen as a TIF consultant.

Meetings can start once a contract is approved and signed. More

Trustees need to train for TIF implementation.

* Revitalize Erie is applying for a $50,000.00 grant to redesign Margaret

Park (the Triangle) and have a mural painted in preparation for Erie’s

Sesquicentennial (150 years).

* The Blackhawk North Regional Council has been doing a walk ability

study looking at sidewalk needs. The Village will then apply for a “Safe

Route to School” grant.

Trustee Besse made a motion to hire Team WTI at $2560.00 to manage the Village’s website. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Besse, Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, Cox, and Pool; nay – none.

Trustee Pool made a motion to approve a contribution to Revitalize Erie for $5000.00 toward the Village’s 150th birthday celebration. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Cox, Kapple, Wirth, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

Trustee Pool made a motion to give President Smith permission to propose to the School Board that the initial cost of $24,900.00 for Moran Economic Development (TIF consultant fee) be split between the school district and the Village. Seconded by Trustee Besse. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Besse, Froeliger, Wirth, Cox, and Kapple; nay – none.

**Police Report**

Trustee Pool made a motion to give Chief Hawk permission to apply for a USDA grant for the purchase of a new squad car. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Cox, Kapple, Wirth, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

Trustee Cox made a motion to set Chief Hawk’s salary at $60,000.00/year and it will be effective from the pay period starting December 19, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Wirth. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Wirth, Kapple, Pool, Besse, and Froeliger; nay – none.

**Public Works**

The Village’s new snow plow is having mechanical problems. It is under warranty, but because of the supply chain problem it will be 1 – 2 months to get it running. The Township has an extra 2017 Western plow that it will sell to the Village for $3000.00. Trustee Wirth made a motion to purchase the Township’s plow for $3000.00. Seconded by Trustee Besse. Roll call was as follows: aye – Wirth, Besse, Froeliger, Cox, Kapple, and Pool; nay – none.

Trustee Besse made a motion to pay Porter Brothers’ pay estimate of $6518.13. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Besse, Pool, Kapple, Cox, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.

Road projects were discussed. Trustee Besse made a motion to give Joel permission to get pricing for the proposed asphalt road repairs. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Besse, Cox, Froeliger, Wirth, Kapple, and Pool; nay – none. The Board also discussed putting together a plan for future work on Main Street.

Trustee Pool made a motion to have Clerk Possley add her signature to Village’s checking count. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Cox, Wirth, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

At 7:44 Trustee Cox made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Pool, Kapple, Wirth, Froeliger, and Besse; nay – none.

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Marcia Smith, Village President

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Gail Possley, Village Clerk