

VILLAGE OF ERIE

June 14, 2022

The Board of Trustees met in regular session June 14, 2022. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Roll call found the following Trustees present: Jeff Wirth, Becky Cox, Tara Kapple, Quincy Pool, and Joe Froeliger. Trustee Woody Besse was absent.

- ** Trustee Cox made a motion to approve the May meeting, special meeting, and adjourned meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Kapple, Pool, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.
- ** Trustee Kapple made a motion to approve the Treasurer's May report. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, Cox, and Pool; nay – none.
- ** Trustee Kapple made a motion to approve paying the bills. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, Cox, and Pool; nay – none.
- ** Sales tax from February was \$9831.95 and April's recycling was 24,670 lbs.

Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development spoke to the Board about the Business District Development plan. This is a sales tax based program. The proposed 1% increase in Erie's sales tax, from 7.25% to 8.25% will be at or below the tax rate in most of the neighboring communities where residents may go to shop. This increase does not apply to groceries, prescriptions or medical related items. The money generated by this increase must be used in the Business District with the goal of retaining and recruiting businesses. The Illinois Department of Revenue will begin dispersing this money in April of 2023.

Trustee Cox made a motion to pass Ordinance #770 that sets a public hearing date for the establishment of a Business District on July 12, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Kapple, Pool, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.

Intern Katelin Bridgman reported that Revitalize Erie raised \$1000.00 at the garage sale fundraiser. It also received a quote from Stichter Construction of \$4200.00 to install the sidewalks in the Triangle. Revitalize Erie will continue fundraising to pay for the sidewalk installation and would like the Board's approval to move forward with the Triangle redesign.

Trustee Kapple made a motion to allow Revitalize Erie to install the sidewalks, benches, and 2 trees in the Triangle. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Cox, Froeliger, Wirth, and Pool; nay – none.

At 6:50 Trustee Pool made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Cox, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.

At 7:37 Trustee Cox made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Pool, Froeliger, Wirth, and Kapple; nay – none.

Chief Hawk reported that the police department is working on the “National Night Out” event. It is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd.

Joel reported that the cemetery has been sprayed for chickweeds and sandburs.

The Board discussed the overhang on the front of the Village Office. Trustee Pool made a motion to give Joel permission to get options/bids to redo the overhang on the building. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Cox, Wirth, Froeliger, and Kapple; nay – none.

Village Attorney

The appropriations ordinance has to be passed at the July meeting. A draft has been sent to the Board members to look over. The income is an accurate number and the expenditures are a spending ceiling and are flexible.

Bill will be sending a letter to the Corner Café regarding the sidewalk on Main St.

After discussing the personnel manual, Trustee Pool made a motion to amend the personnel manual from a majority vote to a two-thirds vote in order to dismiss an employee without cause. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Froeliger, Wirth, and Cox; nay – none.

Trustee Kapple made a motion to accept the employment of Katelin Bridgman as Community and Economic Development Director, starting August 16, 2022 through July 21, 2023, with a salary of \$55,000.00 and no insurance. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Pool, Cox, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.

At 8:36 Trustee Cox made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Cox, Kapple, Pool, Wirth, and Froeliger; nay – none.

Marcia Smith, Village President

ATTEST:

Gail Possley, Village Clerk