

VILLAGE OF ERIE

November 14, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Erie met in regular session on November 14, 2023. President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call found the following Trustees present: Jeff Wirth, Joe Froeliger, Tara Kapple and Quincy Pool. Trustees Rollie Elder and Woody Besse were absent.

- ** Trustee Pool made a motion to approve the October minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.
- ** Trustee Froeliger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for September. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Kapple, Wirth, 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, and Pool, nay – none.
- ** With the changes in the office there are no sales tax reports this month.
- ** The Board received a note from Revitalize Erie thanking everyone who took part in the Pumpkin Bash.

Steve Haring, from MSA, spoke to the Board about the revised Master Parks Plan. The new plan has fewer public engagements and no community survey. They will also present 2 drawings of the proposed layout of the park instead of 3. These changes reduced the cost for their work from \$18,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Their work will take about 6 months so the Village will have plenty of time to look at the next round of OSLAND grant funding through IDNR and any other state agency funds that might be available in 2024. Trustee Pool made a motion to hire MSA to work on a grant application to improve Heritage Park. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none. Trustee Kapple will work on a public survey for residents to give their input on what they and their children would like to have added to the park.

Carla Jaquet, from Revitalize Erie, spoke to the Board about the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Development Grant that can be applied for and used to purchase some playground equipment for the park. Trustee Pool made a motion to give Revitalize Erie permission to apply for the Farm Bureau grant. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Revitalize Erie asked the Board for permission to close Main Street on December 2 for their "Hometown Holiday" parade. Trustee Pool made a motion to close Main Street on December 2 for the parade. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Trustee Kapple made a motion to donate \$200 to Revitalize Erie for its "Hometown Holiday" activities.

At 6:37 Trustee Kapple made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Pool, Froeliger, and Wirth, nay – none.

At 6:57 Trustee Froeliger made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Froeliger, Kapple, Wirth, and Pool, nay – none. Trustee Kapple made a motion to accept the resignation on Rhonda Carter, office clerk. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Pool, Froeliger, and Wirth, nay – none.

Trustee Kapple made a motion to hire Sokhom Kilker at \$22.00/hour for 30 hours/week as the new office clerk. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Pool, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Trustee Kapple made a motion to remove Rhonda from the bank accounts and add Gail and Sokhom. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Kapple, Pool, Froeliger, and Wirth, nay – none.

Trustee Pool made a motion to go with schedule #1 for the new Village Office hours. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Froeliger, Wirth, and Kapple, nay – none. The new hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:30-12:30 and 1:00-3:30, Wednesday – 8:00-noon.

Police Report

Trustee Wirth made a motion to pay Chief Hawk for 60 hours of unused vacation time. Seconded by Trustee Pool. Roll call was as follows: aye – Wirth, Pool, Froeliger, and Kapple, nay – none.

Public Works

The Village closed on the purchase of the Township building on November 10.

Joel and Marcia are working on “Wreaths Across America” for the first time. November 28 is the deadline to sponsor a wreath and the wreaths will be placed on December 16.

Trustee Pool made a motion to get a survey done on surplus Village property on Oak Street pending approval of the Public Works Director. Seconded by Trustee Kapple. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Kapple, Wirth, and Froeliger, nay – none.

Trustee Pool made a motion to approve advertising the Village’s farm rental with bids to be received by 3:30 p.m. December 8, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Froeliger, Wirth, and Smith, nay – none.

At 7:30 Trustee Pool made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Froeliger. Roll call was as follows: aye – Pool, Froeliger, and Wirth, nay – none.

Marcia Smith, Village President

ATTEST:

Gail Possley, Village Clerk