

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
ERIE TOWNSHIP  
ERIE, MICHIGAN  
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing  
August 19, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Danny Taylor called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:01 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie Michigan.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Bill Jacobs	Absent
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

Also present: Building and Zoning Official Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kimberly Cousino.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Manny Evola moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Paul Perry moved supported by Manny Evola to approve the meeting minutes from July 1, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Public Comment:**

Diane La Plante stated the truck ordinance is being abused by the detoured traffic from the Summit Street / Shoreland construction, this project has been extended to September 4.

**B. Budget Report:** Dave Cousino moved supported by Dr. Guinn to approve and place on file the budget report ending July 30, 2025. Motion carried.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 117, Article 14.09 – Battery Energy Storage Systems**

Paul Perry moved supported by Manny Evola to close the regular meeting and open the public

hearing for the battery energy storage systems amendment to zoning ordinance 117, at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

No public comment received.

Paul Perry moved, supported by Dave Cousino, to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Manny Evola moved, supported by Bob Schwartz, to re-open the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Manny Evola moved, supported by Dave Cousino, to recommend the adoption of the amendment to zoning ordinance 117, article 14.09 - battery energy storage systems, to the township board. Roll called; D. Taylor – yes, Bob Schwartz – yes, Manny Evola – yes, Paul Perry - yes, Dave Cousino – yes, Dr. Guinn – yes. Motion carried.

#### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Master Plan – the public comment period is open until September 1, 2025; no comments have been received to date. A public hearing will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2025.
- b. Township planner – no update.
- c. Storage containers – no update, the sub-committee has not met yet.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Pat Siebenaller – 2760 Vienna Rd – Accessory solar panels – Mike Demski provided the commissioners with a zoning application and plans for Mr. Siebenaller’s request to construct accessory solar panels at a height of 23 feet, which is more than the limit of 6 feet. A public hearing will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2025 and notices will be mailed to neighboring properties.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **11. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Dave Cousino echoed concerns about truck traffic on non-truck route roads, suggested the township board address these concerns with the Police Chief.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Perry moved supported by Dr. Guinn adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino  
Recording Secretary