

**Erie Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing**  
**Erie, Michigan**

January 20, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Erie Township Board was held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan. Supervisor Michael Grodi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Danny Taylor offered an opening prayer.

Supervisor Michael Grodi - Present  
Treasurer Cindy Wisbon – Present  
Clerk Kimberly Cousino - Present  
Trustee Manny Evola - Present  
Trustee Steve Mishka - Present

Also present was recording secretary Jackie Cowdrey.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1) Minutes Approval of December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 2) Building Report; December 2025
- 3) Treasurer’s Report, December 2025
- 4) Revenue and Expense Report, December 2025
- 5) Police Reports; December 2025

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the consent agenda items 1-5, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Attorney Tom Graham
- 2) Bicentennial Committee
- 3) Monroe County Road Commission
- 4) Michigan Gas Utilities

S. Mishka moved supported by K. Cousino to accept and place on file the correspondence items 1-4, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**E. BUSINESS:**

**1) Bills approval:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve checks #38754 - #38844 from the general fund including accounts payable, payroll, ACH and EFT in the amount of \$325,526.61 and nothing from the trust and agency account. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

**2) Public Hearing for the creation of Maplewood Subdivision Storm Sewer Special Assessment District:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to close the regular meeting at 6:03 pm and open public the public hearing for the creation of the Maplewood Subdivision storm sewer special assessment district. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

C. Wisbon presented the project estimate from InovaLiner, cost of repairs is quoted at \$261,577.50. There is currently \$51,409.00 in the current Maplewood road maintenance special assessment account, it has been proposed to use \$37,000 towards this storm sewer project, the township will contribute 25% (\$56,144.30). The district will need to borrow \$168,433.00 to pay for the rest of the project. The proposed storm sewer special assessment will be in addition to the \$100 currently assessed for road maintenance and repair.

Terms options at 3% interest; divided amongst sixty-four parcels

<u>5 – Year</u>	<u>10 – Year</u>	<u>15 - Year</u>
\$574.66	\$308.52	\$220.45

Sandy Dobbs asked if someone could pay their portion up front. C. Wisbon stated that yes, if someone wanted to pay their portion in total up front they can.

Sandy Dobbs asked if once its paid off is it done completely. C. Wisbon stated that yes, the storm sewer special assessment district will end once the note is paid in full.

Sandy Dobbs asked that when the current special assessment district for road maintenance and repair is renewed will language change to include drains. S. Mishka stated that yes, the language should change to include drain repair and maintenance.

Denny Stark asked when the current SAD expires. K. Cousino stated that the last collection will be in 2027 and will need to be renewed for 2028.

Jennifer Augustyniak asked when the term decision would be made and if they can see the different payment options. K. Cousino stated that there will be a second public hearing held on February 10, at which the final terms will be decided, based on what the majority of the property owners agree upon, a notice will be mailed to all property owners in the district and payment options will be included.

M. Grodi asked Danny Taylor to explain the repair process to the community members. Mr. Taylor briefly explained the work that needs to be done, work will begin when the weather is warmer, repairs will be done in segments from one manhole to another manhole until completed.

Chris Cousino stated that this is something that must be taken care of.

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to close public hearing at 6:18pm and re-open the regular meeting. Motion carried.

### **3) Maplewood Subdivision Storm Sewer Special Assessment District Resolution:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to accept the Maplewood Subdivision Storm Sewer Special Assessment District Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

### **4) Sale of Telegraph Rd. property:**

M. Evola moved supported by S. Mishka to list the vacant lot on Telegraph Rd. for sale. Motion carried.

### **5) Google Workspace Renewal:**

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to renew the Google workspace contract as presented. Motion carried.

**6) Bridge Fishing Resolution:**

K. Cousino moved supported by M. Evola to adopt the Bridge Fishing Resolution as presented, the purchase of signage to be placed at Vienna and Bay creek not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

**7) Township Generator:**

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to proceed with the purchase of a generator to be installed at the township hall, not to exceed \$50,000 and to use the balance of the ARPA funds towards the project. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

K. Cousino moved supported by C. Wisbon to approve an interfund transfer of \$11,000 from the township hall and grounds improvement line to the township hall and grounds equipment line. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

**8) Police Department Request for New Patrol Car:**

K. Cousino moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the purchase and outfit of a new Ford Mustang Mach E from Brondes Ford not to exceed \$56,000.00 for the police department. Roll Called. C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

C. Wisbon moved supported by K. Cousino to approve a budget amendment of \$56,000.00, to be transferred from Michigan Class to the law enforcement department. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

**9) Budget Amendments:**

C. Wisbon moved supported by S. Mishka to approve the batch add budget amendments as presented. Roll called; C. Wisbon – yes, M. Evola – yes, M. Grodi – yes, S. Mishka – yes, K. Cousino – yes. Motion carried.

**10) Board Appointed Renewals:**

M. Evola moved supported by C. Wisbon to accept the board appointed renewals as presented, with the resignations of Cindy Wisbon and Jackie Cowdrey from the CDBG committee. Motion carried.

**11) American Heating and Cooling Maintenance Agreement:**

K. Cousino moved supported by M. Evola to renew the American Heating and Cooling Maintenance Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

**12) 2026 Road Improvements:**

M. Grodi recommended Lotus and Suder Road Improvements to be completed in 2027.

C. Wisbon moved supported by M. Evola to approve all road projects as presented, except for Lotus and Suder. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Diane La Plante thanked the Fire Department for everything they do, especially in the wintry weather. She also thanked the Police Department and stated that they absolutely deserve a new car.

Jennifer Augustyniak asked about what road projects will be done. S. Mishka stated that he would provide her with a copy after the meeting. Ms. Augustyniak also inquired about a light at the corner of Edgewood and Dixie, Supervisor Grodi stated the board would need to be petitioned by the property owners, he will investigate it.

Sandy Dobbs asked about hiring a new officer after \$25,000 was transferred previously from general fund to police dept., also questioned the listing of the bank.

C. Wisbon stated that the township is looking to fill two positions on CDBG committee.

S. Mishka was contacted on December 23 by M. Grodi to help with distribution of food baskets. Forty-seven baskets were provided to community members thanks to Gleaners, Republic Services and Erie Food Drive.

M. Grodi provided an update on sewer project stating that the site work has been done.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business before the board, Supervisor Grodi adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Kimberly Cousino  
Clerk

Jackie Cowdrey  
Recording secretary