

News & Announcements

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – March 26, 2013

Special Prosecutor Appointed to Investigate Citizen Complaint Alleging Code of Ethics Violation - During Tuesday night's meeting, Town Attorney Mark Shapiro informed the Board that on March 25, 2013, a private citizen filed a separate complaint with the Town Prosecutor alleging Mayor Wilson violated the Town's Code of Ethics pursuant to Title 1-7-3 "Restrictions" and Title 1-7-4 "Conflict of Interest." In response to the citizen complaint, attorney Brian McCoy has been appointed to serve as the Special Prosecutor for the purposes of investigating and taking action on the citizen complaint.

After receiving the update from the Town Attorney, the Board of Trustees approved a motion directing Judge Spade to temporarily suspend work on the Advisory Opinion pending the conclusion of the Special Prosecutor's investigation and further direction from the Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND: During the week of March 18, 2013, Town of Erie Municipal Court Judge Willard B. Hardesty informed the Town that he retained Judge Dana Spade to provide the Advisory Opinion authorized by the Board of Trustees during their Special Meeting conducted on March 8, 2013. During the Special Meeting, the Board approved a motion to seek an Advisory Opinion for the purpose of determining if the Mayor's action related to the McBride property violates the Town's Code of Ethics (Erie Municipal Code Title 1 Chapter 7).

Asphalt and Concrete Repair Contracts Awarded - The Board approved a contract for concrete repairs in an amount not to exceed \$108,000. The contract includes replacement of detached curb and gutter repair for Town property and repair and/or replacement of attached curb/gutter/sidewalk in residential areas. In a separate action, the Board approved a contract for asphalt repairs in an amount not to exceed \$60,500. Asphalt work includes repairs due to unforeseen circumstances on an as needed basis. Pursuant to the Town's pavement management program, asphalt patching priorities are based on safety issues on arterial streets followed by collector streets and finally local streets.

2013 Erie Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration – Mayor Joseph A. Wilson read proclamations announcing the Town of Erie will conduct the 2013 Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27, 2013. The Parks & Recreation Department and the Erie Tree Board invite residents to share in the celebration which will be held at Lehigh Park in Erie Commons from 10:00 am- 12:00 noon. Planned activities honoring Arbor Day include: presentation of Tree City USA plaque, hands-on tree plantings, activities for children, refreshments, drawings for gift certificates and prizes, free tree seedlings, and educational information. This year's Earth Day activities include children's crafts and contests. Educational information from a variety of organizations will be also be available.

[View Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration Flyer](#)

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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