



TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH

Board of Trustees Action Items

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items – May 13, 2014

Board Authorizes Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for New Police Station and Court Building – On April 1, 2014, Erie residents approved the issuance of new debt to construct and equip a police station and municipal court building. The ballot question established that the maximum debt allowable is \$6.2 million with a total repayment cost not to exceed \$11.6 million and a maximum annual repayment cost of \$1.2 million. The anticipated completion of this project is December of 2015.

The Town has engaged Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. as underwriters for the General Obligation (GO) bonds and Butler Snow LLP as bond counsel. The Town is in the process of working with Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's to have the bonds rated. It is anticipated that the ratings will be similar to the GO Refunding Bonds issued in 2013. Moody's rated those bonds Aa2 and S&P rated the bonds AA+, very strong ratings. While the effective interest rate of the bonds will not be known until marketing of the bonds currently scheduled for May 28th, based on existing market conditions it is anticipated that the bonds will have an "all-in" cost of approximately 3.60%, requiring a levy of less than 2 mills.

Board Approves Ordinances Addressing Medical and Recreational Marijuana Cultivation and Use – During Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved three ordinances that address the Town's interest in local control and authority with regards to medical and recreational marijuana cultivation and use. The ordinances balance the reasonable and lawful rights of individuals including patients and primary caregivers with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public. Those protections include the prevention and mitigation of deleterious and negative secondary effects that may occur or are likely to occur from the presence of medical and recreational marijuana most notably in residential neighborhoods within the Town of Erie.

1. **Medical Marijuana:** Ordinance 17-2014 revises specific provisions of the Erie Municipal Code related to the cultivation, processing and possession of medical marijuana. Pursuant to the ordinance, the maximum number of medical marijuana plants a person may cultivate, process or possess in a residential zoned area is six (6) plants. Also according to the ordinance:
 - It shall be unlawful for any primary caregiver to cultivate, produce, possess or process more than six medical marijuana plants in any residential zoned district within the Town.
 - Any patient or primary caregiver with legal authorization from the State to cultivate, produce, possess or process more than six medical marijuana plants, may do so only in the Light Industrial (LI) zone, as defined and set forth in the Erie Unified Development Code.
2. **Fees:** Ordinance 18-2014 establishes an application fee for medical marijuana caregiver license and medical marijuana patient registration applications. The ordinance also updates some of the fees charged by the police department (which were last updated in 2006).
3. **Recreational Marijuana:** Ordinance 19-2014 revises specific provisions of the Erie Municipal Code related to the cultivation, processing and possession of recreational marijuana. Pursuant to the ordinance, the maximum number of recreational marijuana plants a person may cultivate, process or possess in a residential zoned district is six (6) plants. The maximum number of



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marijuana plants any two or more persons may cultivate, process or possess in any area zoned other than residential, is twelve (12) plants.

For additional information, please visit the [Medical & Recreational Marijuana](#) page on the Town's website.

National Public Works Week – Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week across North America to educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life. NPWW is observed the third full week of May each year and is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. As part of events planned for National Public Works Week in Erie include student tours where approximately 180 Erie students will tour the Town's Lynn R. Morgan Water Treatment Facility and the North Water Reclamation Facility.

Older Americans Month – During Tuesday night's meeting, Mayor Tina Harris read a proclamation for Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month originated with a presidential proclamation in May 1963. It has been proclaimed by presidents every year since then. Through their legacy of patriotism, service, and responsibility, America seniors unite families and communities and serve as role models for younger generations. Cindy Gerhardt, is the Active Adult Coordinator within the Parks and Recreation Department and will be sharing participation levels specific to older adults in the Town of Erie.

View complete May 13, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet [here](#).

Engage Erie – View the most recent activity on the Town's new social engagement site, [Engage Erie](#).

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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