



# TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH

## Board of Trustees Action Items

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## Erie Board of Trustees Action Items July 22, 2014

**Black Rock Elementary 2nd Grader Honored** – During the Board of Trustees meeting, Black Rock Elementary Student, Dominic Gaeta was awarded a Citizen Certificate of Appreciation by the Town of Erie and the Erie Police Department for his fundraising efforts in support of rebuilding the Black Rock Elementary playground.

After the July 3rd fire destroyed the playground at Black Rock Elementary School, Dominic thought long and hard about what he could do to make the situation better. Ultimately, the second grader decided to empty his piggy bank and offer his money to the school to help rebuild his playground. Word of Dominic's efforts quickly spread through social media. And as of July 21, 2014, over \$2,700.00 had been raised due to Dominic's selflessness.

Erie Chief of Police Marc Vasquez, presented the certificate to Dominic and commended him for his efforts. "Dominic showed us what strong leadership looks like. What he did is to take a tragedy and make something good come out of that tragedy," Vasquez said.

Mayor Tina Harris also expressed her gratitude to Dominic on behalf of the entire Erie community. "We want to thank you for the leadership you've shown. You've really helped our community heal. We're looking for great things from you," Harris said. Mayor Harris presented Dominic with a gift certificate to the Erie Dairy Queen.





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**Town Staff Awarded Appreciation Awards** – Seven Town of Erie employees were recognized as the first recipients of the Town of Erie STAR Award. The STAR Award was recently created to recognize and express appreciation for services rendered by Town employees who demonstrate exceptional service and/or performance in one or more of the following categories:

- Customer Service: Exceeds customer service standards when serving the citizens and guests of the Town of Erie.
- Safety: Recognizing employees for providing exceptional care and service while administering first aid and/or support until professional services arrive.
- Creativity: One-time innovation or creation that results in time/dollar savings, revenue enhancement, and productivity improvement; and/or ongoing innovative activities that benefits the Town of Erie.
- Teamwork: Acting as an exceptionally effective and cooperative team member or team leader for a group that has significantly exceeded the goals and objectives of the department or unit.
- Outstanding Achievement: Awarded to the team member(s) who go above and beyond the realistic requirements or goals of their position.

During Tuesday night's meeting, the following staff members were recognized:

- *Raelynn Ferrera* – Outstanding Achievement
- *Erika Holton, Ashley Haran, Courtney Carter, Monica Kash and Erin Black* – Safety
- *Officer Kyle Talbert* – Safety



**Board Approves Purchase of Ultrasonic Algae Control Equipment for Erie Lake** – The Board approved the purchase of ultrasonic algae control equipment to assist in managing seasonal taste and



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odor issues at one of the Town's raw water storage reservoirs – Erie Lake, in the amount of \$28,000. In 2013, the Department of Public Works purchased two ultrasonic algae control devices for a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment technique for algae control. The specific treatment technique targeted only the types of algae that could cause taste and odor issues in potable water. The study showed that the ultrasonic equipment had been successful in decreasing the algae that causes those issues by 70%. This new purchase will allow for the program to be permanent and anchored in two locations in the center of Erie Lake and be self-powered by solar power on the devices.

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

View complete July 22, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet [here](#).

**Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings** – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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