

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public invited to attend.



Brian Shank, Chairman
Mary Rennie, Vice Chairwoman
Charlie Bayle
André R. Horton
Ellen Schauerma
Terry M. Scutella
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse
140 W Sixth Street Erie, PA 16501
Room 117

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

5:00 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/c/eriecountypa>

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. Tiffany Oliver
 - B. Members of the Community, 3 Minutes
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - A. March 15, 2022 - Regular Meeting
 - B. February 17, 2022 Special Meeting
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerma
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Other

Posthumous Citation to Sister Bernadette Sullivan, OSB by Mrs. Schauerma.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 46, 2022, "Eleventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$6,000 to Receive Donations in Veterans Affairs for Veterans Treatment Court" (Finance Committee)

This is money obtained through requested donations. This Ordinance would allocate the funds to Veterans Affairs, the intended recipient. Donations are then used for various items in the project for the participant's benefit.

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2022 "Amending Article II, Section 5D 2(c)(iv) of the Administrative Code of Erie County-Board of Health" (Finance Committee)

Per the Administrative Code, the Erie County Board of Health currently seats 5 members. The administration would like to extend the possible seated members up to nine, maintaining all other requirements.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 48, 2022 "2022 Library Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$2,500 And Creation of New Line For Temporary Staff In County Coordination Aid Bureau" (Finance Committee)

Monies from computer supplies will be moved to a temporary staff line to pay for a delivery driver.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 49, 2022, "Eighteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,359 for Second Year Allotment of PCCD Covid Relief Grant Funds to be Extended into 2022" (Finance Committee)

This would authorize use in 2022 from 2021 and pass through funds to outside agencies. A 2nd read is requested.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2022, "First 2022 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$235,514 And New Line for the Library Keystone Grant Award" (Finance Committee)

In September 2021, Council approved the County to apply for the Keystone Planning Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be utilized towards a renovation project at the Erie County Blasco Library. The 2021 Resolution proposed that half of the total project be provided by the Grant and the remaining (\$117,757.50) be matched by the County of Erie.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2022 "Nineteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$117,757 in Match Funds for Keystone Grant Award" (Finance Committee)

In September 2021, Council approved the County to apply for the Keystone Planning Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be utilized towards a renovation project at the Erie County Blasco Library. The 2021 Resolution proposed that half of the total project be provided by the Grant and the remaining (\$117,757.50) be matched by the County of Erie.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 52, 2022, "Sixth 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,955 for Additional Tuberculosis Grant Funds" (Finance Committee)
Additional funds were allotted by the PA Department of Health. This will allocate the funds to the Erie County Health Department.
- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 53, 2022, "Twentieth 2022 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,321 for Creation of Deputy Position & Elimination of Manager Position in HR" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance creates a Deputy Director position in HR, while eliminating the manager position. The Deputy position has more duties and responsibilities, and provides for a clear chain of command.
- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 54, 2022, "Seventh 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$33,924 for Increase in Hours and Salary of Director" (Personnel Committee)
The Health Director position has changed over time with increased duties and responsibilities. The increase requested puts the salary in the middle of the range of like positions and takes into account the need for a 40-hour position.
- H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 55, 2022, "Twenty-first 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$33,924 for Increase in Hours and Salary of Director" (Personnel Committee)
This is a companion ordinance for the increase in salary for the Director of Public Health.
- I. First Reading of Ordinance Number 56, 2022 "2022 Planning Fund Budget Waiver of HR Code to Increase Salary of Vacant Planning Director Position" (Personnel Committee)
This request for an increase is a response to the problem of finding certified Planners willing to lead the Department. If approved, it will allow the County to search a wider audience for possible candidates.
- J. First Reading of Ordinance Number 57, 2022, "2022 General Fund Budget Waiver of HR Code to Increase Salary and Hours of the Veterans Affairs Director Position" (Personnel Committee)
In consultation with J. L. Nick, this is the updated salary request for the Director of Veteran Affairs.
- K. First Reading of Ordinance Number 58, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance – County Clerk" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance is to set the salary for the position of County Clerk. The position is not part of the pay matrix.

- L. Resolution Number 8, 2022 "Erie County Hospital Authority Not To Exceed \$10,000,000 Tax-Exempt Revenue Note (Sarah A. Reed Retirement Center Project)" (Finance Committee)
The Authority was created by Erie County under Pennsylvania's Municipality Authorities Act to serve as a conduit for tax-exempt financing for hospital and health center facilities (including nursing home facilities). The Act requires that such financing also be approved by the County as being in the best interest of the health and welfare of the people of Erie County.

- M. Resolution 9, 2022 "Naming a Designated Agent for Erie County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant" (Finance Committee)
The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated every five years to be eligible for funding. The Department of Planning & Community Development will be leading the update. This resolution is necessary to satisfy the grant requirements for a designated agent.

- N. Possible Appointment of Giovonna Rogers to the Erie County Office of Children & Youth Advisory Board. Term to expire December 31, 2022. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)
Ms. Rogers would fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kyree Chapin.

- O. Possible Appointment of John Comstock to the Erie County Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)
This would be a first term for Mr. Comstock.

- P. Possible Reappointment of Reverend Higginbottom to the Erie County Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)
This will be the second term of Reverend Higginbottom.

- Q. Possible Reappointment of Terri Pomorski to the Erie County Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)
This will be the second term for Ms. Pomorski.

- R. Possible Reappointment of Marie Hackshaw to the Erie County Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)
This will be the second term of Ms. Hackshaw.

- S. Possible Appointment of Dominic Maleno to the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive)

(Personnel Committee)

This would be the first term for Mr. Maleno.

- T. Possible Reappointment of Faith Kindig to the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)

This will be the second term for Ms. Kindig.

- U. Possible Reappointment of Jack Pfadt to the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)

This will be a second term for Mr. Pfadt.

- V. Possible Reappointment of Timothy McGahen to the Erie County Hospital Authority Board. Term to expire December 31, 2027. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)

This will be the first full term of Mr. McGahen.

- W. Possible Reappointment of Brian McGrath to the Erie County Land Bank representing District 1. Term to expire on December 31, 2026. (Councilman Scutella) (Personnel Committee)

This will be Mr. McGrath's second term.

- X. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-077.0-018.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Joshua Buzzanco for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 48. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to clear out the timber and make the lot usable.

- Y. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 30-003-022.0-050.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Norman Francis for the parcel on Route 19 opposite L 67. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to put a small sign on the property.

- Z. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 27-053-213.0-001.99 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Paul T. Haag for the parcel at 13 Mindi Ct TRL. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to live there.

- AA. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-001.0-207.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Tonya Howard-Festa for the parcel at Buffalo Rd Lot 6. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to clean the lot and expand the property line of their current residence.

- BB. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-025.0-324.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Samer Kathem for the parcel at Burton Terr Sub Lot 339. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to their current property.

- CC. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-025.0-323.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Samer Kathem for the parcel at Burton Terr Sub Lot 338. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to their current property.

- DD. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-021.0-213.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at Pear St. 87x141. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold as an investment property.

- EE. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 16-030-043.0-142.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Aaron Feaster I for the parcel at West 17th St. 30x32 Rear of 911. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to enlarge their backyard.

- FF. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-050-023.0-223.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Daniel Fiore for the parcel at 528 E 25th St. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to use it as a side yard.

- GG. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-052-014.0-219.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at 3615 Burton Ave. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold it as an investment property.

- HH. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-050.0-108.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at Ind Homesite Sub

126x125. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold and sell property.

- II. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-050.0-107.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at Ind Homesite Co 150x 101. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold and sell property.

- JJ. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-020.0-124 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at 1740 E 26th St. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold and sell property.

- KK. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-020.0-123.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at E 26 St 46 x 133. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold and sell property.

- LL. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-020.0-122.0 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Re Land One, LLC for the parcel at 1730 E 26 St. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to hold and sell property.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.

The next Regular Meeting of the County Council is Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6pm in room 117, Erie County Courthouse or via live-stream on YouTube.

Members of the public wishing to speak at an upcoming Regular Meeting of Council or those requiring specific accommodation are encouraged to call or email the Council Office at (814) 451-6303 or councilrequests@eriecountypa.gov . Public must be present to speak.