

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Special Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 17, 2007 20

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Thursday May 17, 2007 in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Knapp and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed Mr. Burkholder, Mr. George, Mr. Knapp, and Laura Brown present.

Paul George moved to adopt the agenda. Gary Burkholder seconded. Roll Call: Burkholder, yes; George, yes; and Knapp, yes.

No public comments.

Paul George discussed the concerns he has with the legal representation the township has received. He feels there is a time constraint for the zoning inspector to receive legal representation at the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing coming up.

Paul George moved to bring back Chester Wilcox to represent the Zoning Inspector at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting May 21st. Gary Burkholder seconded. Discussion: The wording of the motion is to appoint and approve funds for legal counsel to represent the Etna Zoning Inspector at the Etna BZA hearing on May 21, 2007, regarding the Wal-Mart permit. Paul George withdrew the original motion and Gary Burkholder withdrew the second. For clarification the law firm is Chester, Wilcox, and Saxbe. Gary Burkholder seconded.

Discussion: Dick Knapp highly objects to using that law firm, Chester, Wilcox, and Saxbe. Dick Knapp wants to protect the citizens of Etna Township. Paul George stated he is not happy with the communications in the past with Chester, Wilcox, and Saxbe but he wants to protect the Zoning Inspector and the residents of the township. Paul George has discussed with Todd Rodgers regarding representing the township. Dick Knapp questioned the dollar amount being approved and referenced a letter from Todd Rodgers stating \$1,000. The letter from Todd Rodgers did not come through township hall and was not logged into the correspondence log. A copy of the letter was not found to verify the amount. Gary Burkholder had a copy but not with him. Paul George suggested \$1,000 for this hearing only and the board will address the other outstanding invoices at a later date.

Paul George moved to amend his motion to add \$1,000 to cover the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing on May 21, 2007. Gary Burkholder seconded. Discussion: Todd Rodgers will be notified with a resolution for billing purposes. Roll call on the amendment: Paul George, yes; Dick Knapp, yes (changed to abstain); Gary Burkholder, yes. Dick Knapp asked that his vote be changed to an abstained.

Resolution 07-05-17-01 JB

Gary Burkholder asked that Paul George contact Todd Rodgers regarding attending the hearing.

Roll call on the motion: Dick Knapp, abstain; Dick Knapp feels the township needs representation at the hearing but objects to using Chester, Wilcox and Saxbe. Gary Burkholder, yes; Paul George, yes.

Paul George moved to adjourn. Gary Burkholder seconded. Gary Burkholder, yes; Paul George, yes; and Dick Knapp, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Laura Brown
Laura Brown, Secretary

Approved as corrected/amended JB

Dick Knapp, President