## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting

Minutes of

Etna Township Trustees Special Meeting

	October 25,	2007
Held		20

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Thursday October 25, 2007 in the Etna Township Hall for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Knapp and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call showed Mr. Knapp, Mr. George, and Laura Brown present. Mr. Burkholder was absent.

Paul George moved to adopt the agenda. Dick Knapp seconded. Roll Call: George, yes; and Knapp, yes; motion passed 2-0.

Dick Knapp moved to recess to verify if Gary Burkholder will be attending. Paul George seconded. Roll Call: George, yes; and Knapp, yes; motion passed 2-0.

Dick Knapp moved to come out of recess. Paul George seconded. Roll Call: George, yes; and Knapp, yes; motion passed 2-0.

Dick Knapp reviewed the architect will provide the Trustees with a new print with additional square footage. The current drawing is 3200 square feet and the new drawing will be between 3600 - 3800 square feet. This will be an increase in cost. The building could not be built for \$290,000. Using block or brick on the outside of the building, gas generator, sound system, computer system, security system and increased construction cost will all be additional cost for the town hall proposed.

Pat Foster 89 Runkle Drive verified the building could be built for \$390,000.

Barbara Digel-Barrett, fiscal officer, provided the board with a memo stating for 2007 the Etna Township Board of Trustees has appropriated \$350,000 for construction of a new township hall (1000-760-720-0000). \$100,000 is available to add to this account. There is \$50,000 in this fund for the addition to garage to add a wash area for the trucks that would be inside. On April 19th of 2004 the board moved to spend up to \$290,000 for the new town hall. The voters approved \$190,000 plus \$50,000 for the garage on February 11th, 2003.

Paul George stated he has no problem with making the building four foot wider and two foot longer from Gary Burkholder's recommendation at the last meeting. This would make the hallway wider and increase the kitchen area.

## Public Comments --

Mark Schaff 7461 National Road verified the Trustees will build a new town hall next to the park as a civic center with early 2008 ground breaking. This is the goal and intention of the Trustees. He is pleased the building is moving forward with the building next to the park.

Dick Knapp stated the voters wanted it built on land already owned by the township. He apologized to the residents for being lead astray for pursuing land for the town hall.

Resolution 07-10-25-01 Dick Knapp moved to approve up to an additional \$100,000.00 for a new town hall building. Paul George seconded. Roll Call: George, yes; and Knapp, yes; motion passed 2-0. This will be an addition to the \$290,000 for a total of \$390,000. Dick Knapp will verify with the county prosecutor that the 2-0 vote will be a legal unanimous vote to move forward.

## **Public Comments --**

Brenda Foster 89 Runkle Drive asked if this is a better building than the building back in 2003. Dick Knapp agreed we have a better building and the better building has been in front of the Trustees for over a year now. The Trustees have been reviewing other options to move the building to different properties. Dick Knapp would like to see a "Green" building for the town hall.

Pat Foster 89 Runkle Drive asked if the design reflect the bump out. The print with the bump out will be provided soon by the architect. He also wanted to know if the meeting room would seat the same as the room at the Etna Lion's Club. Paul George was not sure. Dick Knapp would envision it to being similar to the Lion's Club but with better acoustics.

Paul George discussed the property on South Street being land locked and what has been done to obtain the legal access.

Dick Knapp announced on November 2 at 12:00 noon with Mr. Hawkins prior to the departmental meeting at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be to review the new drawings and approve the soil test for the building.

Paul George moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Dick Knapp seconded; motion passed 2-0.

Dick Knapp, Presid Laura Brown, Secretary