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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of		M	eeting
DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148	Etna Township Special Meeting		<u>-</u>
Held	August 27th,	2008	

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The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday August 27th, 2008 at the Etna Township Hall at 9363 Hazelton-Etna Road for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Knapp. President Knapp led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call showed Jeff Johnson, Paul George, Dick Knapp, and Tina Taylor present.

Paul George moved to adopt the agenda. Jeff Johnson seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Neil Ingle 71 Trail East discussed the money needed for Summit Road and the need for a non-annexation agreement. He wanted to know what school district the new high school would be in.

Dick Knapp stated the township has discussed this with the Prosecutor's office and agreed with the need for an agreement regarding annexation.

Jim Miller 6576 Hilmar Drive, Westerville stated he is the City Engineer for Reynoldsburg stated the proposed schools would be in the Reynoldsburg School District.

Gil Guttentag 76 Runkle stated in the newspaper <u>This Week</u> Reynoldsburg was presented a better school district than Southwest Licking. He asked if the contract is designed so the contractor is not paid until it is finished. He stated the bid award should not be awarded until the contract is completed.

David Goll 8995 York Road asked if the work on Summit Road will need utility lines moved. Dick Knapp stated not as far as he knows.

Old Business

Dick Knapp explained that the letter regarding the Issue I Summit Road Reconstruction Project is not a binding contract but a letter of participation.

Jim Miller City of Reynoldsburg stated as the applicant Reynoldsburg can borrow the money with 0% interest. They can offer this to Etna Township, Licking County, and Reynoldsburg school district. They are interested in a 10 year 0% interest loan.

Etna Township's share of the project is \$268,970.00. To keep it simple use \$270,000 divided by 10 years which equals \$27,000.00 a year. The payments would be twice a year at \$13,500 every six months for ten years.

Jim Miller stated there are several ways to address the concerns of annexation. Reynoldsburg will work with Etna Township to reach an agreement that is acceptable with everyone. The letter does not contractually bid the township to pay them anything. If an agreement is not able to be reached regarding annexation Etna Township can withdraw from the project. The letter is just for participation purposes.

Paul George asked for this to be noted in the contract that Etna Township can withdraw. Dick Knapp explained after September 8th the contract can be worked out before the contract is awarded or denied. The contract would be signed after the contract is awarded and before a loan would be signed.

Paul George read from the letter stating the township is committing to the \$270,000 for the project. Jim Miller stated legally there is no commitment made until the contract is signed with Ohio Public Works. Dick Knapp stated the County Prosecutor's office needs to work with the City of Reynoldsburg's legal department regarding a contract.

The letter was amended to add the wording "and successful negotiations with Reynoldsburg".

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Paul George moved to participate in the Issue I Summit Road Reconstruction Project with the City of Reynoldsburg. Jeff Johnson seconded. Discussion: The letter was changed to address negotiations. Dick Knapp has discussed the issues of annexation with Eric Fox of the Licking County Prosecutor's office. Dick Knapp suggested that any portion of that road or properties that were annexed then a percentage should come off of the payments. Paul George stated the township should negotiate no annexations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Paul George discussed the bid from Robertson Construction. Paul George spoke with three of their references. All three gave them excellent references.

Paul George moved to award the bid to Robertson Construction at 1650 Thornewood Drive in Heath Ohio for a total of \$441,600.00 including the deduction of \$3,100.00. Jeff Johnson Seconded. Discussion: The deduction for Alternate #2 for concrete parking area instead of asphalt will be \$3,100.00 the total is then \$441,600.00. Luke Baus has worked with Robertson Construction before and is familiar with their work. They have built government buildings in the past. The Trustees discussed the cost of the building, furnishing the township hall, and the money already spent on the soil test. Dick Knapp stated the township could not finance the \$390,000. The township could finance anything above the \$390,000.00. The Trustees discussed the groundbreaking ceremony. The Trustees tentatively scheduled the groundbreaking for Tuesday September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Financing township hall/community center will be discussed at the next Trustees meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Comments

Gil Guttentag 76 Runkle discussed the Trustees not having experience in construction and provided a story about a scorpion and a turtle. Be cautious with the contractor and watch yourselves.

Paul George moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Jeff Johnson seconded and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Dick Knapp, President

Tina Taylor, Fiscal-Office