

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

December 21st,

2010

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The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, December 21st, 2010 in the Etna Township Community Center/Administration Building for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carlisle. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Michelle Weber led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, Randy Foor, John Carlisle and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present.

Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor. Trustee Johnson moved to remove item b cemetery plotting under old business from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. The roll call on the motion to adopt the agenda as amended passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the December 7th, 2010 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle moved to approve the December 14th, 2010 special meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Old Business

David Goll reported that Workenomics will not be charging membership fees for 2011.

Don Rector the General Manager for Southwest Licking Water and Sewer District presented information on the 2011 rates. The project to upgrade and rehabilitate the pumping station at Refugee and York Roads has been completed utilizing grant money and a zero percent loan. In 2011 grant money and another zero percent loan will pay for completing the sewer along Refugee and Columbia Roads. Don Rector stated the JRS Site is in progress and reported on the Columbus Park Expressway Sewer Force Main for the winter of 2011.

Don Rector reported that in 2010 they received 50 tap fees for new builds which is significantly more than 2009. The tap fees are a necessary revenue generator for the district. Don Rector reviewed how the customer payment is distributed. The district supported debt payments are 53% of the revenue, assessment supported debt payments 21% (which are the projects in the past that have been assessed to the property owner), chemicals and other operating supplies are 5%, salaries and benefits are 12%, professional services are 2%, utilities and telephone are 4% and repairs and maintenance are 3%. The district has been focusing on the repairs and maintenance to prolong the life of the wastewater system. After holding quarterly audit meetings to discuss the revenues and expenditures the board adopted the new rate structure. Don Rector discussed the new minimum water usage being decreased from 3000 gallon to 2000 gallons for 2011. The households that are only using 2000 gallons or less will not see a rate increase. Don Rector stated these rates are lower than the City of Reynoldsburg. David Goll discussed some of the district's expenses. There are 15 – 20% of the users that will fall in the 2000 gallons or less.

Art Grandle stated that 80 to 85% of the customers will see a rate increase. Don Rector stated the revenue will be distributed as discussed above. The debt reduction fee all goes to 53% district supported debt payments. Don Rector explained why the debt reduction fee was lowered in the past and now that the tap fees have decreased the debt elimination fee is not enough to pay the debt. The projected budget has ten million dollars and the district only receives nine million dollars. The operating budget has been decreasing the past few years. Art Grandle stated the US EPA website shows that the average person uses 100 gallons per day.

Mike Kerner of 8623 Watkins Road asked if the projects were to satisfy current needs or is this for speculation. Don Rector stated the pump station at Refugee and York Road was to satisfy current needs. The District is assuming no debt for the sixteen inch water lines.

Fiscal Officer Rogers stated on the Ohio EPA website it says 85 gallons per day which is twenty-two hundred and fifty (2250) gallons per month for a two person household. Also on the Ohio EPA website which reported over five (500) hundred cities and other reporting districts reporting their figures for 2009 the sewer rates were only topped by eight of those. The water rate is at about 110% of the Ohio average. The water and sewer rates when put together are at 191% of any of the surrounding water and sewer districts and at 183% of the Ohio average before the increase. With the increase the District will impact 80 to 85% of the customers with an additional fifteen dollars and five cents (\$15.05) a month. This is 25.4% and will be at 240% of the surrounding services and 230% of the Ohio average.

Walter Rogers did review the 2008 and 2009 financial reports that show a decrease in tap fees but not down enough to warrant the increase for 80 to 85% of the customers. With just the Debt Fee, Tap Fee, and Interest Income the district is generating 35% of the debt reduction already. Walter Rogers asked how much it cost the district to install the line to Flying J and what is the recoupment of those expenditures. David Goll stated the Flying J is their largest customer and Don Rector stated they have