

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

December 21st,

2010

Held _____

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already recouped the cost. Don Rector explained that they received stimulus money for the project and received 50% through a grant and the remaining was paid for by Flying J. The district is 501(C) (1) does not pay taxes.

Don Rector stated the bottom line when you look at the revenue versus operating expenses and debt services they have to pay they cannot go default on the OWDA Loans. If they do not raise the rates they will go default and then OWDA will give them a court order and they will come in and raise the rates it.

Don Rector stated that the billing is done at 2000 gallon minimum and then only per 100 gallon after that.

Trustee Carlisle does not agree with the new minimum being changed from three thousand (3000) gallon to two thousand (2000) gallons and the customer should be charged the same. This is a rate increase for 80 to 85% of the customers. Don Rector stated the customers with a family of four will be penalized and the customers who only use 2000 thousand gallons are paying for 3000 thousand gallons. It is a goal and mission of the board and district to remove the debt elimination fee. Trustee Carlisle said it should have been a fair increase across the board.

Don Rector will convey the findings from this meeting to the water and sewer board.

Neil Ingle stated he sat through all the meetings regarding this rate increase and ninety-nine percent of the community did not attend the meetings. He discussed the City of Pataskala's rate increase. Trustee Foor stated as a Trustee he has to represent the best interest of the entire township and not just the residents that attend the meetings. Trustee Carlisle stated that the last Trustee meeting was the first time the Trustees were made aware of the increase from their representative David Goll.

Arthur Grandle recommended the water and sewer district put information in their bills for customer comments because he does not have the time to attend all of their meetings. He also suggested they survey the township. He feels this is a permanent increase where if they increased the debt reduction fee it could have been a temporary increase.

Trustee Foor asked how much additional debt was acquired in 2010. Don Rector stated the district occurred about six hundred fifty thousand dollars in zero percent loans that are amortized over twenty years. There were no wage increases for employees in 2010. Some staff received raises in 2009. There are wage increases in the budget for 2011. The staff has been reduced by four employees and they will lose one more in 2011 that will not be replaced. Trustee Foor inquired about the trunk line that would be installed to service State Route 161. Don Rector stated they will not service this area unless it is going to make positive financial sense for the district. Trustee Foor asked what the township can see in the future for reduced bills. David Goll stated it will depend on the economy. Don Rector stated they want to lower the debt reduction fee and this should be their main goal.

Mark Schaff of 7461 National Road discussed the process that was used to raise the rates. Unlike the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) who usually discuss rate increases before the final decision is made this rate increase has already been implemented before this discussion.

Trustee Carlisle asked them to take this information back to the board and he feels this rate increase is excessive.

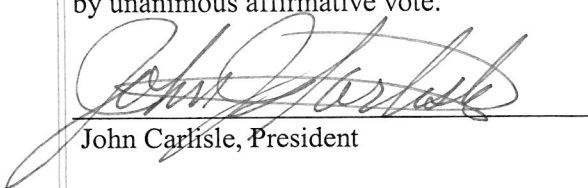
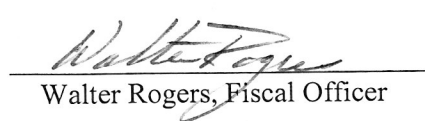
The Trustees and Fiscal Officer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Foor moved to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. per O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. For the record Randy Snider, Mike Kerner, Michelle Weber, Charles Hagy, and Mark Schaff were brought into executive session to interview for the Zoning Commission and/or Board of Zoning Appeals.

Trustee Foor moved to come out of executive session at 10:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.


John Carlisle, President
Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer