# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting** 

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| May 21<sup>st</sup>, | 2011 | Held\_\_\_\_\_

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 in the Etna Township Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Carlisle. The board recognized the passing of Neil Ingle with a moment of silence. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Charles Hagy led The Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, John Carlisle, Randy Foor, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present.

Trustee Carlisle moved to add the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 nuisance meeting minutes to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Foor moved to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Foor moved to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 nuisance meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

#### **Public Comments**

Mark Schaff of 7461 National Road supports the suggestions from Mike Waller regarding the trees in the park.

Gil Guttentag of 70 Runkle Drive discussed the way the State allocates the funds to the township and suggested the Trustees contact agencies to have this changed. F/O Rogers explained the local government fund and that the township has contacted Licking County regarding this distribution. Trustee Carlisle recommends that Licking County do a recalculation every ten years when the census is completed.

### **Old Business**

**Resolution 11-05-21-01:** Trustee Foor moved to pass the draft resolution as presented for the property at 1028 Pike Street. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 to provide, by resolution, for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the township, if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance; and, WHEREAS, the Board received a report from the Zoning Administrator documenting the initial investigation; and, WHEREAS, the findings of the report indicated that a nuisance is in fact located at 1028 Pike Street.; and, WHEREAS, the nuisance in question is described as follows (Pictures Attached): 1. Unused wood and wood pallets (Pictures 1-4) 2. Trash and debris (Pictures 5-17) 3. Old plastic table (Picture 18) 4. Old fire pit with fake brick (Picture 19) 5. Metal brackets and objects (Picture 20-21) 6. Piles of leaves, dead trees and shrubs, and yard waste (Pictures 22-24) 7. Old tarps (Pictures 25-27) 8. Old building and construction materials such as down spouting, yard tile, concrete blocks, window screen, door, and wood (Pictures 28-33) 9. Batteries and power cords (Pictures 34-39) 10. Tools, motor (Pictures 40-41) 11. Child's play swimming pool (Picture 42) 12. Child's booster seat (Picture 43) 13. Buckets (Picture 44) 14. Old boat and junk stored within the boat under a tarp (Pictures 45-46) 15. Unmaintained vegetation and weeds (Pictures 47-52); and, WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the owner's maintenance of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance because the Board believes that the nuisance in question has and will continue to have a detrimental effect on the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, negatively affect the neighboring property values, and provide harborage and habitat for rodents and animals. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby declares the above described conditions, located at 1028 Pike Street to be a "nuisance"; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby orders the property owners, Kenneth Howard, to abate the above stated nuisance; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will provide for the abatement, control, or removal not sooner than 7 (seven) days after written notice of this resolution is served on the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record on the land; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all expenses incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land shall be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify any and all expenses incurred, along with a proper description of the lands, to the Licking County Auditor to be placed upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon the land.

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**Resolution 11-05-21-02:** Trustee Foor moved to allow Chris Harkness, Zoning Administrator, to spend up to \$2,500.00 to handle this and any other nuisance hearings going forward and to add Chris Harkness to the expenditure policy based on recommendation by Eric Fox, Licking County Prosecutor's Office at the last Trustees meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle reported on the Citizen of the Year Award. Two nominees were received, Samuel Hagy and Morris Schaff. The Citizen of the Year Committee recommends Morris Schaff.

**Resolution 11-05-21-03:** Trustee Carlisle moved that Morris Schaff receive the Citizen of the Year Award for 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. The presentation will be made at the second meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Trustee Carlisle is going to make some changes to the citizen of the year award for 2012 and will present it back to the board.

## **New Business**

**Resolution 11-05-21-04:** Trustee Carlisle moved to have Chris Harkness, John Carlisle, and a representative from the Licking County Engineers office serve on the Taylor Road Selection Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Items for the summer newsletter should be given to Chris Harkness.

Mike Waller and Mark Schaff reviewed the trees and bushes located in the park.

**Resolution 11-05-21-05:** Trustee Johnson moved to authorize Mike Waller to spend up to \$1,500 to replace trees and bushes in the park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Resolution 11-05-21-06:** Trustee Carlisle moved to approve the contract for rock salt with the Ohio Department of Transportation as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous vote.

**Resolution 11-05-21-07:** Trustee Johnson moved to authorize \$8,500 for the zero turn mower from Smithco Equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. Discussion: The 54 inch deck will allow the township to mow the cemeteries better.

### **Announcements and Trustee Comments**

Trustee Carlisle discussed the vacant seat on the Joint Economic Development Committees (JEDZ). The unexpired term of Neil Ingle will need to be filled. The JEDZ 1 appointment will expire in September.

**Resolution 11-05-21-08:** Trustee Foor moved to appoint John Carlisle to the JEDZ Boards. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Mike Waller discussed the tree at the corner of State Route 310 and Pike Street which was damaged by a storm. He is working with Ohio Department of Transportation regarding this tree.

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

F/O Rogers stated the township received the ten percent roll back from the State of Ohio.

Gil Guttentag of 70 Runkle Drive stated his water bill is now approaching his electric bill. He did attend the water and sewer meeting and he does not agree with the current fee schedule.

Harold Rowand of 11438 Palmer Road discussed the utilities being governed by PUCO.

Trustee Carlisle discussed the website updates and the new Etna Township logo. He feels Doug Rogers is doing a great job.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

John Carlisle, President

Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer