

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held July 16th, 20 2011

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Saturday, July 16th, 2011 in the Etna Township Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Carlisle. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Emily Foor led The Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, John Carlisle, Randy Foor, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present.

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

Trustee Foor moved to approve the July 5th, 2011 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Jeff Johnson, abstain; Randy Foor, yes; and John Carlisle, yes; motion passed.

Trustee Carlisle moved to approve the July 5th, 2011 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Jeff Johnson, abstain; Randy Foor, yes; and John Carlisle, yes; motion passed.

Public Comments - None

Featured Guest Licking County Sheriff Randy Thorpe

Sheriff Thorpe thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to speak and introduced Deputy Nick Pease. Deputy Pease is assigned to Western Licking County and has participated in block watch programs in Etna Township. Sheriff Thorpe spoke about how Etna Township would benefit by contracting with the Licking County Sheriff's office. The township would get a dedicated Deputy or Deputies for the township which would provide full time law enforcement services. The budget for Licking County is tight and the number of deputies is down from what they provided three to five years ago. It is in the Ohio Revised Code that local government entities can contract with the County Sheriff. If the township would contract with the Licking County Sheriff's Department they would not have the overhead that the township would have with their own Police Department. If the township would contract with the Sheriff's Department it would need to be determined how many deputies the township would want and for which shifts. The Sheriff's Department would still provide the coverage they currently do now for any shifts not covered by the township. The township can use the funds already available or could place an issue on the ballot to pay for the deputies.

Charles Hagy of 14097 Palmer Road asked if the funds are available to contract with the Sheriff's Department. Trustee Carlisle stated an issue would most likely be put on the ballot.

Sheriff Thorpe does not have the exact budget numbers at this time. From studies conducted in the past it would be in the ballpark of eighty to ninety thousand dollars. If Etna Township puts together a committee to work on this issue Sheriff Thorpe would assign a deputy to attend the meetings and he will provide budget numbers at that time. The cost for a Deputy includes salary, retirement, insurance, cruiser, gasoline, and all of those types of items. Trustee Carlisle does feel a committee should be put together to research this issue.

Leroy Wilburn of 18 Third Avenue asked if the Licking County Sheriff's office has ever entered into a contract with a local entity. Sheriff Thorpe is not aware of the Sheriff's office ever entering into a contract in the past. It is not that they do not want to it is because no entity has ever requested to. They have put on several presentations before but have never entered into a contract.

John Antritt of 11 3rd Avenue asked if there would be a profit for the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Thorpe does not see where there would be a profit for them, basically it is the township paying for the deputy and not a revenue making contract. John Antritt stated that as soon as there was a presence of Deputies in Mayflower the issues with speeding stopped immediately.

Bruce Hennick of 133 Reader Court asked how the unit would feel since there is a shortage of Deputies by having one dedicated to Etna Township. Sheriff Thorpe said it would be a contract as provided by the Ohio Revised Code so this would not affect the unit.

Leroy Wilburn of 18 Third Avenue asked about grants. Sheriff Thorpe stated that is totally separate. He is not aware of any grants being awarded for local governments. This is something that could be looked into. The Sheriff's Department has applied for a grant for six additional Deputies but has not been awarded the grant yet.

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Mark Schaff of 7461 National Road asked about calls for service in Etna Township. Sheriff Thorpe stated it is calculated township by township. Sheriff Thorpe is working on a way to provide the residents with a map available on-line to show where the Sheriff's Department has taken incident reports. Historically Etna Township leads the county in calls for service. The Sheriff's Department has issues with false burglar alarms and discussed the possibility of charging for false alarm calls.

Howard Rowand of 11438 Palmer Road asked about the cost to the resident. Trustee Carlisle stated it would be placed on the ballot as a levy with millage that would have to be determined to cover salary, benefits, and raises.

Delores Trivett of 10371 Taylor Road asked about the speed machine. Sheriff Thorpe stated they could get it on the schedule. They also have permanent speed signs. Delores Trivett discussed a pond owner with geese causing a problem. Sheriff Thorpe will look into this issue and will get back with Delores Trivett.

John Antritt 11 Third Avenue stated the speed machine in Mayflower did help with the speeding in their community.

Charles Hagy of 14097 Palmer Road asked about the cruiser for the Deputy. The township can provide a cruiser and it has to be marked a certain way per Ohio Revised Code. The Sheriff's office has not purchase a new cruiser in over three years.

Sheriff Thorpe would have to look into the Ohio Revised Code regarding the length of the contract. Trustee Carlisle stated it would probable go along with the millage for the levy.

Leroy Wilburn asked what they could do as residents to help establish a Deputy for Etna Township. Trustee Carlisle stated he agrees with Sheriff Thorpe that the township needs to set up a committee to establish the needs for the township. The township would need to get with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office to draft the language to place the issue on the ballot. If the committee was set up within the next few months it could be placed on the May primary.

The township does not currently have any levies at this time.

Sheriff Thorpe is not aware of any law enforcement agencies charging per call other than a false alarm charge and does not know if the Ohio Revised Code would allow to charge per call. If it is permissible it would be up to the local jurisdiction to charge. Trustee Carlisle does not feel the township should charge for 911 calls.

Trustee Carlisle thanked Deputy Pease for attending this meeting while he is on vacation. He has been very involved in the block watch programs in Etna Township.

Old Business

Open Slurry Seal bids. Trustee Carlisle opened the bid from Strawser Construction. The base bid for Items 1, 2, and 3 is \$101,439.00; Alternate # 1 for Item 4 is \$46,434.00; Alternate #2 for Item 5 is \$26,400.00; Alternate #3 is a combined bid of Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 is \$169,722.00. It appears that everything in the bid package is in order. Trustee Carlisle stated the Licking County Engineer's estimate for Palmer Road from Tollgate Road to S.R. 310, 1.72 miles is \$39,338.00; for Refugee Road from State Route 310 to Smoke Road is \$19,946.00; for Refugee Road from Watkins Road to York Road is \$82,986.00 and for those three items the bid was \$101,000.00.

David O'Donnell with Strawser Construction explained their bid and stated there was extra road width on Refugee Road.

Trustee Carlisle moved to table the award of the bid until the August 2nd, 2011 meeting for review. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

New Business

Resolution 11-07-16-01: Trustee Carlisle moved to appointment Mark Schaff and Richard Knapp to the City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Council. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. Discussion: This will be for the unexpired terms.

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Mike Waller reported on the street light at Cameron Chase and State Route 310. Mike Waller has met with AEP and a representative from Cameron Chase. Mike Waller has not received the cost from AEP but street lights in the past have cost eleven dollars or a fifteen dollar a month. Mr. Hennick stated the homeowners have been trying to get a light at the entrance and the cost is not an issue with them.

Mike Waller will continue working with AEP and will get Mr. Hennick's contact information to review with the homeowner's association.

Resolution 11-07-16-02: Trustee Carlisle moved to proceed with AEP not to exceed \$15.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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

Fiscal Officer

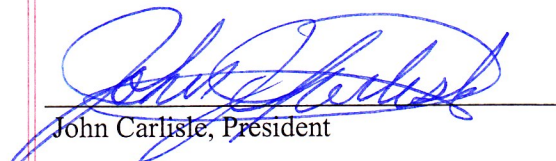
F/O Rogers reported on the local funding formula. Etna Township receives the lowest amount from Licking County out of all the townships. F/O Rogers would like a formal resolution to the Licking County Auditor's office and Commissioner's requesting the recalculation. Trustee Carlisle stated the Ohio Township Association is remaining neutral. The local government fund comes from the State to the County. Trustee Carlisle explained the process to request a recalculation and the breakdown of how the money is distributed. Licking County will receive money from the casinos. Trustee Carlisle referenced House Bill 153 that would adopt Franklin County's method for recalculation of the local funds.

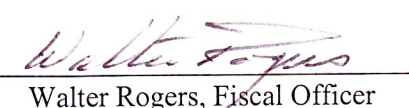
Trustee Carlisle moved that the Board of Trustees are in 100% support of the recalculation of the local government fund and urge the Budget Commission, the Licking County Commissioners to do so on behalf of Etna Township and to include State Senator Schaffer, State Representative Bill Hayes, and State Representative Jay Hottinger in that mix. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Announcement and Trustee Comments

Trustee Carlisle is researching funds for Etna Township.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 10:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.


John Carlisle, President


Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer