

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

August 18,

2012

Held

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The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Saturday, August 18, 2012 in the Etna Township Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Carlisle. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Duane Flowers 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 adopt the agenda with the amendment of an executive session prior to adjournment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle moved to adopt the July 2, 2012 regular; July 2, 2012 special; July 11, 2012 special; and August 4, 2012 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Public Comments –

Jim Duffy of 27 Daisy Drive presented a comparison to the water and sewer rate of the City of Pataskala. For a usage of 3,000 the City of Pataskala's new rate is \$28.68 cents. Jim Duffy's bill with Southwest Licking Water and Sewer for a usage of 2,950 is \$63.34 cents plus the debt elimination of \$11.87 cents for a total of \$75.21 cents. Jim Duffy discussed the debris from the recent storm.

Featured Guest – Licking County Commissioner-Elect, Duane Flowers

Dick Knapp of 108 Longwood Crossing Blvd introduced Duane Flowers.

Duane Flowers believes in less government and supports small government. Duane Flowers provided the township with a letter of support to MORPC on the State Route 310 Project. Duane Flowers has history in Etna and discussed his family from the Etna area. Duane Flowers discussed the traffic concerns from State Route 16 to Interstate 70. He discussed Ohio Revised Code Section 505.20 and recommended the Trustees review this section regarding taxing on drilling wells. He discussed the permissive tax. He would like to provide the townships the same buying opportunities as Licking County has regarding culverts and road maintenance items. He discussed planning, Economic Development, and Traffic concerns.

Trustee Carlisle reviewed the goals of the Transportation Task Force Committee regarding a new interchange and the traffic congestion in this area. Trustee Carlisle discussed the Licking County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and believes that township's should have representation on this committee. Etna Township has no representation on the CIC and the township did not financially support the CIC. The township has been told there will be representation offered to the township once a term expires.

Duane Flowers will research the Casino Funds and get back to Delores Trivett. Duane Flowers would not have a problem with distributing funds to the townships. Walter Rogers discussed the formula currently being used to distribute funds to the township. Walter Rogers discussed Casino Funds being used to help with the reduction in the Local Government Fund. Trustee Carlisle explained that an attorney hired by the County Commissioners' Association has advised them that there is nothing in the bill for the Casino Funds that allows them to redirect the funds to municipalities or townships within their county so they cannot. So now they want an equitable amount to the Casino Funds distributed by sales tax. Duane Flowers would support helping the Municipalities and Township out of the Casino Funds and would review the formula proposed.

Duane Flowers did not run for County Commissioner because he needed a job. He is not going to waste his time as Commissioner. The Central Committee would appoint a replacement if Doug Smith retires early. Duane Flowers will be working for the people of Licking County.

Old Business –

Article 12 – Signs and Article 2 – Definitions, recessed April 3, May 8, and June 5, 2012.

Trustee Carlisle moved to set a public hearing on Article 12 – Signs and Article 2 – Definitions for August 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

New Business –

Trustee Carlisle moved to send a letter of support (to the City of Pataskala) on the Mink Road Project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The City of Pataskala is asking for permission to re-route the large trucks onto Etna Parkway to keep them off of State Route 310. Trustee Carlisle proposes a fee on the large trucks to use Etna Parkway.

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Trustee Carlisle moved to send a letter and work in concert with the City of Pataskala and ODOT to use the JRS Road in Etna Township to re-route. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This would be to enter using State Route 40 onto Etna Parkway. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle spoke with Bob Van Hoose regarding lowering utility bills. Fiscal Officer Rogers will review the electric and gas bill proposal.

Announcement and Trustee Comments

Trustee Carlisle reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation will be changing the signage on Interstate 70 to include Etna Township at no cost to the Township.

Trustee Carlisle will be sitting on the committee for the Shale and Fracking Industry for Licking County.

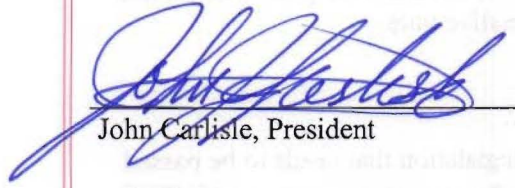
Trustee Foor discussed sending letters to the foreclosed properties regarding mowing their grass. Trustee Carlisle is in support of sending a letter from the Board of Trustees.

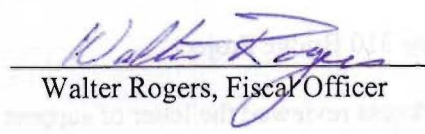
Trustee Johnson moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.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 Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to come out of Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.


John Carlisle, President


Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer