

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

September 15,

2012

Held _____

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The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Saturday, September 15, 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 Gary Burkholder 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 Carlisle moved to adopt the August 18, 2012 regular and August 29, 2012 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Water and Sewer Report – Gary Burkholder stated the District is working with the Village of Alexandria to provide them service. The District received the Outstanding Accounting Practices Award from the Auditor of State. A new meter and backflow preventer were installed at the Willowbrook Trailer Park but the owner did not choose to install the flushing hydrants which would improve the water quality in the lines of the park. Gary Burkholder discussed the JEDD funds.

Gary Burkholder, representing the Village of Hartford, thanked the township for the printer. The UAN System requires the township to update the printer which left the township with an extra printer that was donated to the Village of Hartford.

Old Business –

Award Bids – Road Maintenance Project

Trustee Carlisle moved to table the awarding of bids for the Road Maintenance Project until the requested information is received from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) along with the commitment letter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Exotic Animals

Trustee Carlisle reported that he did send out three letters; one to the Governor's Office, one to the Director of Agriculture, and one to Representative Hayes.

Ron Williams of 148 Westview Drive has concern with a drop in property values. It was reported that Director Daniels told Ron Chaffin that the 3.5 million dollar building would be used to house vehicles and trailers.

State Representative Bill Hayes stated he voted for Senate Bill 310 which created the Exotic Animal legislation. That bill gave power to the State of Ohio Agriculture Department to carry out the provisions of the bill, to protect the citizens of Ohio. Bill Hayes has no power over how they carry out the provisions. Bill Hayes gathered the questions from the residents and will get back to them with the answers. There was an inventory taken of the exotic animals in the State of Ohio and it was a long list.

Ron Williams is concerned with how the facility will be run. He is concerned that this is being built in a residential area. On August 23rd they were notified by Channel 4, Ted Heart, about the facility. Then on August 31st they received a letter from Mr. Daniels. Ron Williams feels it could be built at the Wilds and not in a residential area. If they break the law they should be held responsible. If the owners can't afford to house an illegal animal they should have to pay or be fined by the State to house the animal.

State Representative Bill Hayes stated the chances of the State Legislature introducing a bill to stop the facility from being built in Etna Township is not likely. Bill Hayes cannot be the solution to the problem but he wants to help with the communication breakdown within the system.

Trustee Carlisle has a meeting scheduled with the Governor and his staff in October. Director Daniels also responded with a letter regarding a meeting to discuss this issue.

Ron Chaffin of 116 Westview Drive asked about more information regarding the inventory of exotic animals. Bill Hayes stated there was an effort made to obtain a list of all the animals and they do not know what the owners will do with the animals after the law goes into effect.

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Trustee Foor asked when the law requires them to register the animal. Bill Hayes stated it goes into effect the first of the year.

Bill Hayes stated the authority was given to the Ohio Department of Agriculture to control the Exotic Animals.

Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East asked where are they going to house the exotic animals prior to the building being completed.

Trustee Carlisle is going to pursue this issue. This project is a design build project. Trustee Carlisle is concerned with this being built in a residential area, why as a tax payer are we paying for an exotic animal that the owner does not want to take care of anymore, and why this can't be subcontracted out to the Wilds to see how much activity they are going to have prior to building the facility.

Mark Schaff of 7461 National Road agrees that the legislative part is completed but the administrative part is just starting and he does not feel this is a done deal. Mark Schaff suggested contacting owners at the Etna Township Corporate Park regarding any concerns they might have with the Exotic Animal Building.

Bill Hayes will help with getting Director Daniels of the Ohio Department of Agriculture to meet with the township over these concerns. Representative Brian Hill was over Senate Bill 310.

Trustee Carlisle has a meeting on October 1st with the governor's staff. Some of the issues would be the safety of the residents, the smell issues, how do you determine the size of the building, and there is no benefit for Etna Township. The Board of Trustees authorized Trustee Carlisle to push this issue and that Etna Township is opposed to the construction of this building in Etna Township.

New Business –

Trustee Johnson moved to appoint Chris Harkness to the MORPC Federal Funding Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Announcement and Trustee Comments - none

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 adjourn at 10:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



John Carlisle, President



Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer