# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

June 2, 2015 Held 20

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 in the Etna Township Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Carlisle. The invocation and The Pledge of Allegiance were commenced with during the special meeting. The roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, John Carlisle, Randy Foor, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present.

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

Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the May 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle moved to adopt the May 19, 2015 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Johnson, yes; Foor, abstain; and Carlisle, yes; the motion passed.

#### **Public Comments -**

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James Duffy of 27 Daisy Drive discussed changes on electric bills regarding the transmission cost.

#### Reports

Road Report - The Road Department provided a written report.

**Administrator's Report** - Rob Platte provided a written report. The traffic on Columbia Road was discussed. The School is changing their busing plan next year and hopes this will reduce traffic.

Rob Platte explained the updated agreements for MORPC regarding the two projects involving the township, which are Taylor Road and S.R.310 Bridge. This does not change any funding commitments.

Trustee Carlisle moved to have Rob Platte sign the partnership agreements for the Taylor Road and 310 Bridge Modification. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Economic Development - Rob Platte announced GITI Tire is a new tenant for ProLogis in building four.

**JEDZ 1 & 2** - The JEDZ 2 Board will meet on June 15, 2015. The JEDZ2 is just starting to bring in revenue and the township will receive one hundred and eleven dollars for 2014. The township will receive around one hundred and thirty-six thousand plus dollars from JEDZ1 for 2014.

Water & Sewer - Trustee Carlisle stated the reports are in the file. The District is working with the City of Pataskala and Harrison Township on an interconnect to provide water for emergency use.

**Fire Board** - Trustee Johnson has nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation - Trustee Foor reported the historic sign has been erected at Highpoint Park.

Trustee Carlisle provided an update on the Taylor Road Project. The project is currently on track and under budget. The construction should start March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Carlisle explained this is a resolution to formalize the motion that was passed at the special meeting on May 19, 2015.

**Resolution 15-06-02-03:** Trustee Carlisle moved "Resolution authorizing execution of a governmental aggregation services agreement for the provision of retail electric services for Etna Township, Licking County, Ohio and participating residents and businesses for a twenty-four month period." The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

## **New Business**

Trustee Carlisle thanked the residents for passing the Road Levy.

**Resolution 15-06-02-04:** Trustee Foor moved "Resolution to repeal the Motor Vehicle License Tax". The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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#### **Fiscal Officers Report**

May 1, 2015

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	\$48,098.93	\$25,927.65
MV License Tax	\$7,797.54	\$234.71
Gasoline Tax	\$9,038.93	\$1,953.90
Road & Bridge Fund	\$15,469.61	\$12,001.60
Cemetery	0.00	0.00
Special Assessment	0.00	\$278.16
Misc. Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Misc. Debt Services	0.00	0.00
Misc. Capital Projects	0.00	0.00
Road Right-of-way Permit	0.00	0.00
Total	\$80,405.01	\$40,396.02

Funds Total May 31, 2015 is \$2,141,183.91

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

### **Announcement and Trustee Comments - None**

#### Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

The public hearing was for the application submitted by Ryan Haire for 10034 and 10062 Lynns Road to rezone from Agriculture District (AG) to General Business District (GB-1).

Trustee Carlisle turned the meeting over to Rob Platte, Township Administrator. The Licking County Planning Commission and staff recommended approval based on last year's rezoning. The Zoning Commission recommended approval. Etna Township's Land Use Map shows this in the Industrial and Manufacturing Area. The plan is to raze the houses on the properties. A Staff Report was provided.

The applicant Ryan Haire is representing RCD Sales and Turbo Group. He stated the thirty-one acres was rezoned to General Business last year. They purchased the two properties from the residents to help them out. The intent is to locate the dealership at that end of the property. The plan is to bring the Hebron Store to this location and will have approximately sixty employees at this location.

#### **Public Comments**

Len Fatica of 31 Trail Blvd has a concern because this property is not under the JEDD Zone. The residents have the tax burden because the businesses have tax abatements.

Mark Schaff of 7461 National Road presented an article from the Columbus Dispatch, "Policy changes shift tax burden to homeowners and farmers." He has concerns with the tax burden being placed on the residents. Mark Schaff stated the commuters and tax abated businesses do not pay for the infrastructure needs of the township. Under a Joint Economic Development District the business is required to pay a small percentage along with the commuters who use the roads to get to the business. Mark Schaff requested the Trustees ask any business moving into Etna Township to join in a JEDD.

Harold Rowand of 11438 Palmer Road lives around the corner from this property. He agrees with the taxes and forming a JEDD. Harold Rowand discussed the funding issues with the schools.

Len Fatica stated the Zoning Board should follow the Land Use Map and not to approve a rezoning without looking at all of the figures.

Litichia McIntyre of 22 3rd Ave used to work at ProLogis for about ten years and paid tax as a commuter. These businesses are in the JEDZ1. She supports economic development.

Ryan Haire understands the comments and concerns with the JEDD. RCD Sales is not a Corporate Brand business just looking out for themselves. They are a family owned business that has been in the area for over forty years. They do partner with their communities; local fairs, baseball teams, and school districts. They will not have hundreds of semi-trucks with this project. RCD Sales currently pays taxes on two

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properties in Etna Township; eighteen thousand on one property and seventeen thousand on the other. The Township approved the thirty-one acres last year and they are asking for the additional three and a half acres to be rezoned. Trustee Carlisle asked what the township receives from the property taxes and the township receives three hundred and eighteen on one and two hundred and sixty-four on the other property in Etna Township. The properties are not currently under abatements. They have not applied for abatements and they would have to explore this option before they would decide.

Trustee Carlisle asked what RCD Sales could do to help the township with infrastructure needs. The township residents just passed the Road Levy. The township funds are getting less. Trustee Carlisle stated a JEDD is set up to fund projects for road improvements. The JEDD is based on the business net profits.

Ryan Haire stated he would consider committing to the township a fixed number such as \$5,000 dollars a year or \$10,000 dollars a year but to be locked into a percentage a year is harder for their internal numbers.

Trustee Foor asked if the Zoning Commission discussed participating in the JEDD. Ryan Haire stated the Zoning Commission discussed requesting direction from the Trustees on how to proceed on a situation like this. The Zoning Commission discussed the fact that they approved the thirty-one acres last year.

Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers explained that the township is asking that businesses help with their share of the infrastructure cost and not place the burden on the residents. The township does not have a say regarding tax abatements.

Ryan Haire understands what the township is asking for. The township is receiving some tax money currently from RCD Sales. If they participated in a JEDD one of their properties would be taxing their employees and on the other property employees would not be taxed.

Trustee Carlisle stated there is a change to the JEDD language pending and if it is approved then the township might be able to negotiate more with corporations. The township was working on a JEDZ last year that was struck down. Trustee Carlisle feels they should join a JEDD to partner with the township.

Ryan Haire feels he is investing in this project. Ryan Haire is willing to sit down and negotiate with the township on something.

Trustee Foor asked if they would be willing to participate in the JEDD. Ryan Haire stated he could not decide that tonight and is interested in discussing options.

Brad Haire stated they are not opposed to working with the township but they have not explored them enough.

Trustee Carlisle said the Trustees need to make a decision in twenty days. Ryan Haire stated they have a schedule in place to move forward with the project. Trustee Foor asked them to investigate a JEDD to see if they are willing to participate in the next twenty days. Ryan Haire asked if there are other ways to partner with the township other than a JEDD. Ryan Haire asked what the dollar amount is that the township needs. Ryan Haire stated they are willing to partner with the community but does not feel that decision can be made in twenty days.

Trustee Carlisle moved to postpone the public hearing until Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was second by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Foor moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

John Carlisle, President

Walter Rogers, Eiscal Officer

All the resolutions as presented are on file with the Fiscal Officer.