

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ October 5, _____ 20 _____ 2021

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on October 5, 2021, in the Etna Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carlisle. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and John Carlisle led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, Randy Foor, John Carlisle, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present.

Trustee Carlisle moved to adopt the agenda as presented and to remove under Old Business the Highpointe Final Development Plan, they are not ready. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle moved to adopt the August 10th special meeting, August 21st regular meeting, September 7th regular meeting, and the September 14th special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Public Comments –

Mark Evans of 91 Olde North Church Road feels when they are in this hall people should be respectful. Some residents in the township, such as the Cumberland Trail Condo Association, did not get their trash paid for and he feels all the residents should have their trash paid for and feels paying for additional deputies would be a better use of the money. Mr. Evans requested the Trustees stick to the Comprehensive Plan. He requested in the future holding a Candidates Forum and discussed the Candidates Night being held by the Newark Advocate and hopes everyone running participates for the benefit of the township.

Linda Corniola of 59 Trail East discussed the minutes and having them posted to the website quicker. Trustee Carlisle explained the minutes are posted after they are approved and signed.

John Kennard of 10785 Palmer Road inquired on what is being built by Loves. Trustee Carlisle stated it is a spec building, a distribution center.

Steve Holloway of 11047 York Road stated for the record he sits on the Licking County Planning Commission Board but is representing himself this evening. He discussed the SR310 Palmer Road Mixed Use rezoning which he supported. At that time the developer did not want to say what was going in. When attending the Zoning meeting the developer announced it would be warehouses. If this was stated during the Planning Commission meeting, he would not have supported it. His definition of mixed use is not all warehouses. He feels diversity is very important for a strong community and Etna Township is 95% warehouse and distribution. His concern is vacant warehouses in the future. The warehouses that are already here are fine but the land that is not zoned for manufacturing should remain zoned the way they are for diversity in the township.

Roger Digel-Barrett of 533 Ballman Road discussed the minutes being late and recommended shorter minutes so they can be approved faster. Mr. Digel-Barrett discussed the dirt on US40 and Mink Street and requested the streets be hit with a street cleaner. Trustee Carlisle stated after the last time he was at a meeting he reached out to Licking County and the roads were swept that day.

Judy Thorpe of 12156 Palmer Road has lived in the township for forty years and discussed all the warehouses that have been built in the past few years and all the truck traffic. She expected change but not to this degree and requested it be stopped and to slow it down.

Judy Cafmeyer of 29 Roma Court discussed the condition of Mink Street with the construction of the Ashley Furniture building, increased traffic, the timing of the traffic light at Mink Street, and the need for turn lanes. Trustee Carlisle contacted ODOT on Friday regarding the timing of the light.

Steven Paul of 76 Nantucket Avenue discussed an email he received from the General Accounting Office in response to a complaint based on the Newark Advocate Post on December 27th at 5:12 p.m. They have referred the complaint to the Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General for their review. Mr. Paul stated this is involving the offer made by, unanimously, this board. Mr. Paul contacted the Ohio Attorney General's office who said any charges must be brought up by the County Prosecutor's office and inquired if the board is aware of any ongoing Federal Investigation regarding their behavior. Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Foor, and Mr. Johnson all responded no. Trustee Foor stated Mr. Paul was incorrect on this board approving it unanimously, it was never voted on.

Reports

Road Report - A report was provided.

Zoning Report - A report was provided.

Water & Sewer – The report has not been filed at this time.

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Fire District – Nothing at this time.

Cemetery and Parks – Nothing at this time.

JEDZ1&2 and JEDDs – The JEDZ boards meet next month and the JEDD boards in February.

Old Business - None

New Business

Road User Maintenance Agreement (RUMA)

Trustee Carlisle explained this was sent over to the township by the Licking County Prosecutor’s Office. This is an agreement with the County Engineer and Harrison Township giving the Engineer’s office the authority to do any and all contracts with the Solar Company proposing the solar field. The township shares Refugee Road with Harrison Township.

Trustee Carlisle moved to approve the Road User Maintenance Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: The Trustees reviewed the agreement. Because there is dual jurisdiction this gives the Engineer authority to act on the township’s behalf. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Set the date for trick-or-treat

The City of Pataskala is holding trick-or-treat on October 31, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Foor moved to set the date for trick-or-treat for Etna Township, October 31, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Announcements and Trustee Comments –

Trustee Foor wanted to address the comment from Mr. Paul regarding the offer made to the School Board. There was never a motion made or ratified by this board. Nothing was done, which is why Mr. Foor assumes there has not been an investigation.

Trustee Foor did address Candidate Night during a meeting and at that time they did not even know who was running for Trustee. Once they found out who was running they were then contacted by the Advocate about a Candidate Night. Years ago the township hosted a Candidate Night with a small number of people attending.

Trustee Foor discussed the community that does not get their trash bill paid. Trustee Foor’s understanding is their HOA does their own negotiation and it is part of their association fees that are paid on a monthly basis.

Fiscal Officer Report –

September 1, 2021

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	\$813,949.33	\$217,645.33
MV License Tax	\$3,227.35	\$2,620.96
Gasoline Tax	\$17,219.33	\$19,174.74
Road & Bridge Fund	\$0.00	\$16,562.62
Cemetery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Assessment	\$0.00	\$284.26
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	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$834,396.01	\$256,287.91

Funds Total September 30, 2021 is \$7,898,107.37.

F/O Rogers stated revenue for September is \$834,000 with \$463,575 of it being the second round Covid money, the NEU Recovery fund.

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

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Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



John Carlisle, President



Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer

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