

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ April 5, \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 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 Trustee Evans. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Mark Evans led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, Mark Evans, Rozland McKee-Flax, and Fiscal Officer Julie Varian present.

Trustee McKee moved to amend the agenda removing Licking County Champions, Item b under New Business. Under Old Business to add Trustee assignments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested the items for the agenda be on it for the public to be aware. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Evans moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Evans moved to adopt the minutes from the February 15, 2022; March 1, 2022; and March 7, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

### Public Comments –

Tom Attard of 64 Gala Avenue thanked the Licking County Sheriff for the increased police patrol. Mr. Attard and the Trustees discussed their assigned duties and whether they are putting in the same amount of time as Trustee Evans.

Alesia Zacher of 79 Trail East stated she resigned from the Zoning Commission in December of 2021. Mrs. Zacher discussed Julie Varian and her posts on Facebook and the money Mrs. Varian donated to Mark Evan's campaign based on the Board of Elections records. Mrs. Zacher has concerns with Mark Evans unprofessionalism and always being argumentative. Mrs. Zacher question if the Trustees knew about Julie Varian and Mark Evans relationship prior to her being appointed as Fiscal Officer. Trustee McKee was not aware of him knowing her and Mark Evans did not recuse himself from appointing her. Mrs. Zacher questioned the money being spent to train Julie Varian. Trustee Evans stated during the interview he did not realize the Mrs. Varian donated fifty dollars to his campaign. Trustee Evans does not feel anything he did was unproper.

Roger Digel-Barrett of 533 Ballman Road discussed the CARES Act money. Mr. Digel-Barrett voted for these two to clean up the city hall so to speak and did not vote hoping to get another dictator. Mr. Digel-Barrett feel that Jeff Johnson should be the head of this board because he understands this township. Both of the Trustees need to listen to Mrs. McKee because of her experience in government. Trustee Evans disagrees with Mr. Digel-Barrett and stated there are investigations going on with the auditor's office regarding the prior board.

Sarah Ferguson of 483 Ballman Road would like to see this board work together and common ground needs to be found. She discussed networking with other townships who have seen rapid growth, the need for a Township Administrator, the Comprehensive Plan needs to be re-visited, the need for decent housing with good quality developers, ODOT's plan for an intersection on Taylor Road, lacking office space to rent, John Carlisle still on boards, working with the Southwest Licking Water and Sewer Board, more parks for the children, and apply for grants.

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road feels the negative comments about all the Trustees is destroying our community and the Trustees are having more split votes. Mr. Davis discussed hiring an Administrator, the Comprehensive Plan, economic development, and the comments on the internet are affecting the community. The Trustees discussed the Administrator position, interviewing for one, and the duties John Carlisle took on after Rob Platte left the township.

Theresa Ogershok of 484 Trail West discussed that Mr. Carlisle assumed the duties of an Administrator without being interviewed for the position. Trustee Johnson explained that he did the work as a Township Trustee and was not paid extra for the administrator duties. Theresa feels the Administrator position is a full-time position and it needs to be filled for Etna Township to move forward and preserve our future.

Ron Sabatino of Cumberland Trail Bar and Grill on Columbia Road agrees with everything Ryan Davis stated and the quorum since January of the board has been a disgrace and embarrassment of this township. Mr. Sabatino stated the three Trustees do not have to get along but need to act proper and respect one another in a business-like manner. Mr. Sabatino has worked in eighty-seven municipalities and it is not uncommon to see split votes but people respect each other. Mr. Sabatino discussed the Comprehensive Plan, the water and sewer service needs, and fireworks on Labor Day. Trustee Evans accused Trustee Johnson of making decisions outside of the meeting and Trustee Johnson corrected him about his accusations. The Trustees are addressing the issues with water and sewer capacities.

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Melissa Wilde of 151 Leasure Drive of Pickerington stated it was brought to her attention from a former college of hers regarding a hire they are looking to do. When she was an elected official sometimes it was helpful to have some understanding of what happened with some of their hires. Six years ago she worked with one of the candidates. He was very problematic during her time in Pickerington. It started out with very minor things such as he would pay one hundred bucks for a ticket to go to a MORPC Event and not show up. She would question why that happened and it was not a family event and it was not a city event and he was doing other things. It turned into because of her inquiries there she was no longer allowed to talk to any of the employees and they were not allowed in a room without him present. Well some of those employees because of this ended up approaching her later on and we found out there was a lot of sexual harassment and more serious issues than that as well. She did inquire more about that. She left the City of Pickerington before she was able to complete anything with that particular individual. He did take some of his anger out on her business after she left but she is happy to speak with them in private and provide details. The person that alerted her to this is somebody that the township is working with and she will have nothing to do with him either and has withdrawn her aid over here with the news that he is going to be hired. She wanted the Trustees to know because it is a very very dangerous situation the township is getting themselves into. They had several women who left because of the treatment they received by him and they went to other organizations which is very sad because they were very bright intelligent energetic young women and a great part of their team and he just could not leave them alone. If the Trustees have any questions Mark Evans has her phone number. Trustee Evans stated he has already provided it to them previously. Trustee McKee inquired if the HR Department with the City got involved and Melissa Wilde stated yes and that person was fired by him.

Thaah Young of 9167 Taylor Road thanked them for their service. She requested the Trustees speak into their microphones. The people are watching on social media and turning away from it because of the fighting. Thaah Young has sent emails to Trustee Johnson and Trustee McKee regarding why removing Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Rogers from the boards was not discussed and she has not received a response from either one and whether Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Rogers are the best individuals to represent Etna. She also wanted more information from Mr. Evans regarding the special investigation on individuals and the township, contact information and case numbers so she can do that research on her own without doing a formal request. Thaah Young inquired from Fiscal Officer Varian if the township has paid any fines because of the previous Fiscal Officer duties. The TIRC has a direct relationship to the administration and the consultant debate. She believes that the City of Reynoldsburg wants to have a voice on this board. Trustee Evans stated that currently there are two matters being investigated; the private agreement between Mr. Carlisle and the developer to plow his undedicated roads with township resources and the other is the fireworks where it was not a board approval and township resources were used, funds were sent directly to Mr. Carlisle's house and he can provide her some more information on that. F/O Varian stated there are a few items that she has been working on since she started and one of them was a five hundred dollar fine from the IRS for not paying the taxes on time for payroll from July to October that were not made or made late; there has been credit card fines and fees because things were not paid around October of last year so when she came in there was a lot to catch up on and thankfully the bank and some others have waived some of the fees. F/O Varian has been working with the office of Budget and Management to not have to pay back the Cares Act money that was received, Mr. Rogers kept a spreadsheet of receipts and did not follow the guidelines for those funds, when he did that he had to re-allocate those funds to a specified account to put the expenses that were spent out of that account, he did transfer the three hundred and forty thousand dollars to the Cares Act account however he did not go back and add the expenses in that they paid for out of the General Fund. There was a sub grant paid to the West Licking Joint Fire District and it was the township's responsibility to keep track of the sub grant funds and get the ledgers from them. F/O Varian stated there were wages and bonuses paid in December and she could not find a resolution passed so those funds became questionable and appropriated incorrectly. F/O Varian explained that twenty-nine thousand dollars had to be re-allocated to the sheriff's contract to keep from paying the money back. Trustee McKee inquired if this was criminal and is there a fix for this. F/O Varian explained that if the township does not get the ledger from West Licking Joint Fire District the township will have to pay back the three hundred and nine thousand dollars. Trustee Johnson said the West Licking Fire District has a meeting next Thursday to approve the money and then it will be fine. Thaah Young stated again whether Mr. Rogers and Mr. Carlisle should be on those boards and feels there should be a debate regarding this.

Chuck Bundy of 10254 Tollgate Road stated last November he voted for a change and he is not seeing that change, the Trustees need to compromise with each other and they need to work together in a positive way and right now all he sees is negative. The Trustees need to share responsibilities and in January one person assumed ninety percent of the responsibilities. Mr. Bundy discussed the houses on Tollgate Road that need to be removed across from the Fedex building. Mr. Bundy also feels like the township needs an Administrator instead of having the Trustees do the job.



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Judy Newman of 9630 Lynns Road has issues with the negative impact on their lives from the Fed Ex/Scannell development from the noise and fumes that they hear it 24/7 all night long and this is not fair to the residents. They need to do another sound study and air quality test. Judy Newman stated there are tree roots and the issues with mowing and inquired who will maintain the area between their properties and the wall. The wall behind her house is the lowest area and the lights shine in her house all the time and she has concerns with the drainage. She would also like to see the developers pay an impact fee for the water and sewer. Trustee Evans explained that townships are not able to impose the impact fees like a city can.

Scott Belcastro and Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy Services reported on the supplier Volunteer Energy going out of business and has filed for Chapter Eleven. The natural gas prices have been going up. He has been told that most of the accounts will be going back to the utility. Trebel will then have the opportunity to work on a fixed rate in the future with another company. The program with Energy Harbor is a 4.61 or .67 fixed rate for electric through May of 2023 and the default utility will be going up to 7 cents per kwhr for AEP customers. Larry Taylor was with Volunteer Energy and is now with Trebel Energy and will be working on the township account.

**Reports**

**Road Report** - A report was provided.

**Zoning Report** - A report was provided.

**Water & Sewer** – Mr. Stepp will provide one next week.

**Fire District** – Trustee Johnson discussed the new fire house on Taylor Road.

**Cemetery and Parks** – Trustee McKee stated she meet with the developer regarding the land for the new park and there have been no updates on the lot splits at this time.

**JEDZ1&2 and JEDDs** – The Trustees have not received any reports at this time.

**New Business****Blessing Box**

Judi Grant discussed the Blessing Box and explained it is a small box and the concept is leave what you can and take what you need for anyone in the area. Judi's husband will build the Blessing Box. The Trustees discussed the plans, size, and location. The safety and security of the location of the Blessing Box were discussed. Trustee McKee will get with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office regarding any liability on the township.

Trustee Evans moved to approve the Blessing Box plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: The color will be determined at a later time. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Sheriff Contract – Additional Deputies**

Trustee Evans met with Lt. Carson of the Licking County Sheriff's Office regarding additional deputies. The Trustees discussed the need for additional deputies and the projected costs.

Trustee Evans moved to hire the two additional deputies now because it is going to take awhile for them to even hire them and to get the vehicles if need be. Trustee McKee asked what is awhile. Trustee Evans stated by the time they get out of the academy it would be August. Lt. Carson explained that currently the Sheriff's Office is short three patrol deputies. They are in the process of replacing those three. If Etna Township would approve two more deputies, they would have to hire to fill those positions. The Sheriff's Office is having difficulty finding quality deputies. The three candidates that they are currently looking to hire will not finish at the academy until May and will not be available until the end of June. It is about fifteen weeks to complete the training program after they start them. For Etna Township to get additional deputies it could be August or September for them to be placed. To get vehicles the Sheriff's Office is having issues finding them at this time or the price is extremely high but they can loan vehicles to the township until new ones can be purchased. The Trustee discussed paying for the vehicles with the ARPA Funds. The initial contract was for two deputies and will need to be amended. The current contract will be up in January of 2023 for renewal. The Trustees discussed which shifts need additional coverage and the peak times needed in the township.

Trustee Evans moved that we move forward in hiring two additional deputies at the soonest availability that they can be provided by the Sheriff's office. Lt. Carson explained that the Etna Deputies handle more calls than the rest of their cars do. If one of the Etna Deputies are backed-up

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then one of the District Deputies will be dispatched to help in the area. Etna Township is the highest for calls for service for the past eight or nine years. The Trustees discussed whether the township needs two additional deputies or one additional deputy.

Each Deputy for 2022 is an estimated cost of one hundred and eight thousand dollars with vehicles at sixty thousand dollars which last about three years. The Trustees discussed what was put in the budget for additional deputies.

Trustee Evans moved to move forward to hire two additional deputies with the Licking County Sheriff's Department and amending the contract as required when those deputies and vehicles are available. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: The shifts will be determined by the Licking County Sheriff's Department and will be a set schedule. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

### **ARPA Funds**

The Trustees discussed the ARPA Funds and directing those funds to pay for the Sheriff Deputies. Trustee Johnson had accounted for one additional deputy when doing the budget for 2022. F/O Varian has three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the Sheriff's Contract. The township is receiving four hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars in ARPA money. This money could be used for two years. A resolution will be drafted to direct the money to the cost of the deputies. F/O Varian discussed leaving it broader for multiply projects.

### **Old Business -**

#### **Comprehensive Plan**

The Trustees discussed the Comprehensive Plan and hiring a firm to help with this update. Trustee Evans presented a proposal from Planning NEXT. The Trustees discussed hiring Jim Lenner. Trustee Johnson explained the last Comprehensive Plan was done with the Licking County Planning Commission and Jim Lenner was a planner at that time and worked on that plan.

Trustee McKee discussed the Trustees holding work sessions to review items prior to adoption. Trustee Johnson moved to enter into a contract with Mr. Lenner to write our Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed his concerns with hiring Mr. Lenner. Trustee Johnson had the contract reviewed by the Licking County Prosecutor's Office. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Johnson, yes; Evans, no; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

#### **Administrator – Status**

The Trustees discussed the status of hiring and administrator and the two individuals that are left to interview. The Trustees discussed a contracted position for a couple days a week to get started. Trustee Evans verified that the contractor Trustee Johnson is proposing is WMV LLC. Trustee Evans stated this is the one the individual spoke out against, he has sent the Trustees numerous information about, he was fired twice, Bill Vance in Florida; one time for releasing improper public records and the other time for failing to live up to his duties and that. Trustee Evans stated there is also a case, more stuff down there that people can look. Trustee Evans has spoken to a lot of people included Melissa Wilde and others in the area and they are sounding the alarms. Trustee Johnson stated all of the people he has talked to loves him. Trustee McKee talked to six references over there and from Florida. Trustee Evans stated that initially when he talked to people it was all good and then when he found out specific information and he would ask them about that information it was oh you know about that. Trustee Evans stated when people leave a job they don't want to give you the truth when you request a reference. Trustee Evans stated there are so many red flags; the firings in Florida, it is in the newspaper, and he gave the other Trustees two individuals that know him very well and they have not even contacted them. The one who is the Fiscal Officer who is assisting our Fiscal Officer has said if we hire him that she will stop any work with us. Trustee McKee stated she got his name from MORPC. Trustee Evans stated that he was trying to get on with Violet Township and they refused to take him on. Trustee Evans feels there are so many red flags and feels we have a qualified individual that the other Trustees have not even spoken to. Trustee McKee stated that everyone that Trustee Evans doesn't agree with gets trashed including herself. Trustee Johnson asked Trustee Evans why he has to be negative all the time. Trustee Evans inquired why Mr. Vance was not present to interview and to answer questions. Trustee Evans verified that he raised his concerns publicly on social media. Trustee McKee has checked with six references regarding Mr. Vance along with other individuals that he did not list as references, and they gave good references. F/O Varian stated that Vanessa has been in the building on weekends training her. Trustee Johnson stated Mr. Vance's terms are provided in a letter and he will request a contract from Mr. Vance and have it reviewed by the Prosecutor's office to be presented next meeting.



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Trustee McKee feels Trustee Evans approach to another Trustee is brutal and feels the Trustees need to be respectful to each other and work together.

### **Pavement Management Group Proposal and 2022 Road Paving Schedule**

The Trustees discussed whether they need a contractor to review the roads. The Road Department has been doing this in the past. Trustee Evans feels a contractor is needed to go through all the roads, they provide condition reports, and based on the township budget they provide a proposal for the best method available for maintenance of the Roads. They will take three days to go through all of the township roads. They will provide a scan of the roads every other year, every year there is a small maintenance fee of fifteen hundred dollars to deal with that year's budget, so the total cost is fifteen thousand dollars for two years for seventy-five hundred dollars to have an actual pavement management service dealing with the roads. The company provides a video of all the roads and use it to determine the condition or issue with a specific area. This can be used as a tool for this season's paving. Trustee Johnson discussed this proposal with Don Copley and the benefit to the township to hiring this contractor.

Trustee Evans moved to approve the contract as proposed by Pavement Management Services dated March 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

### **Social Media Presence for Township**

Trustee Evans discussed providing a social media presence for the township with a neutral content of events going on in the township. The Trustees discussed who would maintain the page and it was discussed that an administrator can maintain it. The Trustees discussed the township website and how many people go to the website versus going to a social media page. The Trustees discussed Trustee Mark Evans posting in the Etna Community page that Mark Evans is not representing the township officially (the full Board). The new page will not have this kind of content. The comments can be turned off so it is only announcements. Trustee Evans stated that Violet Township has one and there are a number of other townships that have social media pages. Trustee Johnson will go out and look at other township social media pages.

### **Annexation – Inquiries and Action by the City of Reynoldsburg Outside Annexation Agreement**

Trustee Evans discussed the Annexation Agreement with the township and Peter Griggs is working on maintaining this agreement. The Trustees support this agreement.

### **New Business – continued**

#### **Emails system, Document Storage & Public Records Request Production**

#### **Records Retention – Restart Inventory, Classification and Disposal. Possible Temp Hire IT Needs – Fiscal Officer Remote In, Software Install on Laptops, Shared Universal Drive**

The Trustees discussed emails and document storage along with what needs to be done regarding the email system. Trustee McKee is willing to work with a consultant regarding this issue. The Trustees discussed hiring someone to help with records and helping in the office. The records in the conference room were discussed. The Trustees discussed working with Bill Ischy and the needs of the township to remote in along with additional software. Trustee McKee is meeting with a consultant to help with these issues. Trustee McKee would like to talk to Laura Brown regarding what she needs regarding help.

### **MORPC Intern Program**

Trustee McKee discussed the MORPC Intern Program where they provide fifteen hundred dollars for their salary for a student intern from May to August. The students are studying Economic Development. This would cover the person one day a week. If the township would like to have them here two days a week the township could match it. This person could work in the Zoning Office. The Trustees discussed what the student would be working on. The Zoning Inspector is currently training the Assistance Zoning Inspector. This would be like a shadow program.

Trustee McKee moved to bring in the Intern from MORPC as a student, summer program from May to August, two days a week. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Zoning Inspector John Singleton will be supervising the student. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

### **Legal Firm Transition Update**

Trustee Evans provided an update with a priority on the 629 Grant funds and the money for Global Way. The firm is working with Albers and Albers on the transition. The Trustees discussed whether there is a conflict with Albers and Albers representing the JEDD Boards and the township.

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The Trustees discussed who is paying for this transition between attorneys. Trustee Evans did not get a cost for the transition, but it will be at the hourly rate. Trustee McKee noted for the record that the email she referenced from Albers office regarding conflict of interest did not have Confidential Attorney Client Privileged on it.

**Removal and Replacement of Appointed Board Members, Alternate Appointees**

Trustee Evans discussed removing members on boards and replacing them from the previous board appointments. Trustees Evans discussed removing John Carlisle, Walter Rogers, and Charles Hagy and listed a number of reasons to remove. The Trustees discussed whether to remove these individuals.

**Development Updates – 629 Grants, New Proposed Development**

Trustee Evans stated the reports have been filed. Trustee McKee would like to meet directly with the developer regarding the M1 development on the east side of the township near Kirkersville. The Trustees discussed developments in the townships.

**PRCD Zoning Modification – Include Minimum Percentage of Single-Family Units**

Trustee Evans presented a text amendment to initiate in the PRCD section of the Zoning Resolution. The proposed text amendment is to require a minimum of 25% of total allowable density shall be single family detached residential dwelling units. The Trustees discussed the recommendation. Zoning Inspector John Singleton explained the way this amendment would work in a development. Keeping the rural atmosphere and keeping large open space was discussed. The other amendment is regarding the connections between surrounding parcels that would be emergency access only where residential stub streets lead to existing neighborhoods without sidewalks and/or adequate roads. This resolution is to just start the process for amending the Zoning Resolution.

**Resolution 22-04-05-01:** Trustee Evans moved to approve “Resolution to amend Zoning Section 18 Planned Residential Conservation District (PRCD). The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: The Trustees passing this resolution starts the process. The Zoning Commission will start the process and submit it to the Licking County Planning Commission then the Zoning Commission hears it who forwards it to the Trustee. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Maintenance – Building and Property**

The Trustees discussed the township hall and the gazebo at the park regarding the preventive maintenance that needs to be completed. The Trustees discussed the mulch and flowers at the park. In the past a church volunteered to plant flowers in the park.

**Proposed Purchases from BIA for Road Department – Hot Water Pressure Washer, Radios, Wet/dry Vac, MowerMax Saw Attachment, Gator, and Street Sign Rack**

Trustee Evans discussed items that are needed and could be purchased and reimbursed from the BIA accounts. Trustee Evans stated that Albers and Albers confirmed these are allowed purchases from this account. Trustee Evans will create the official list to share with the board before being submitted for reimbursement from the BIA Account.

**Risk Assessment**

Trustee Evans reported that he has heard back from the Risk Assessment person and the township has sixty days to implement. Don Copley completed the items at the garage are done. There are other items that need to be completed.

**Food Truck at Park and Other Community Events. Portable Restroom**

Trustee Evans stated he had an individual approach him regarding an event at the township park. The Trustees discussed community events in the future. The Zoning Resolution would need to be amended to permit the food trucks. John Singleton explained a “Food Truck Friday” event that is sponsored by the township would be permitted. The Trustees discussed Food Trucks and different options like non-profits, fundraisers, and individual parties versus commercial uses.

**Township Land (4.41 acres) – 483 Laurel Drive**

The property in Jardin Manor was discussed. The township was in the process of selling this land and there are deed restrictions that need to be dealt with. There are property owners adjacent to this property who are interested in purchasing this property. The liability to the township from the residents using this property was discussed along with options for this property.

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### **Projector/Screen or Monitor – Hall, conference room**

The Trustees discussed adding a projector screen or monitors in the township hall and conference room that would run off blue tooth. Trustee Evans will obtain estimates and provide a proposal.

### **Scannell JEDD7 Amendment Update**

Trustee Evans discussed a request from Scannell regarding an amendment to JEDD7. Trustee Evans told them he would not even consider this until they dealt with the neighbors' issues. The Trustees discussed what needs to be done to fix the issues. The promises that were made were discussed with the neighbors. Trustee Evans will get with the neighbors regarding their concerns. They are waiting for the Trustees to approve the JEDD7 amendment. The trucks can be seen over the sound wall. Trustee Evans will continue to work on this issue with Dan Harrington.

### **Pike Street**

The Trustees discussed the Pike Street plans, submitting for Stage Two, and the funding. Trustee McKee took on Pike Street and she has been working with Bill Lozier.

### **Old Business - continued**

#### **Trustee Assignments**

Trustee McKee moved for Mr. Johnson to be the supervisor of the office staff meaning zoning office, Mr. Singleton, as well as Laura Brown. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans feels this is in appropriate and asked what changed. Trustee McKee stated that Trustee Evans said his business is suffering. Trustee Evans feels that Trustee Johnson doesn't want change to be in charge. Trustee Evans discussed someone taking over the road crew. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Johnson, yes; Evans, no; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

### **Announcement and Trustee Comments –**

Trustee McKee stated we are a board, and we are new here and learning. The board needs to respect each other and Trustee Evans is condescending to Mr. Johnson and herself. We are all in this together to make the township a better place to live. The belittling each other and condescending comments is not getting us anywhere. The Trustees agenda did not have to be stacked and its 10:30 p.m. This is all about what Mark wants and not working as a board. We need to work together as a team.

Trustee Evans stated he is doing what is right for the township and every agenda item needed to be addressed. He has proposed changes and he along with the new Fiscal Officer are the only ones trying to get stuff done. He has not changed from what he ran on and feels Trustee McKee has attacked in private. Trustee Evans stated removing him and replacing him with Trustee Johnson over the office is in violation of what Trustee McKee said previously. Trustee Evans stated he only worked two days for his business. Trustee Evans does not feel that Trustee Johnson is doing what is right for the township. Trustee Evans will continue to fight for the residents and the township.

Trustee McKee inquired on the criminal activity that Trustee Evans keeps posting on Social Media.

### **Fiscal Officer Report**

F/O Varian does not have a report regarding finances. The township did approve Vanessa Niecamp to help her for a certain number of hours which will go away with any type of contract with Mr. Vance. F/O Varian feels that she is providing her with great help and the township is going to have a single year audit coming up along with her time spent with the office of Budget Management. Trustee Evans requested the Trustees continue to support her.

### **Motion to pay the bills and approve purchase orders**

**Resolution 22-04-05-02:** Trustee Evans moved to pay the bills and approve purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Evans moved to go into executive session at 10:19 p.m. per O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the annual evaluation for Mr. John Singleton. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Evans moved to come out of executive session at 10:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



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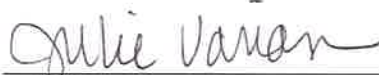
**Employee Annual Evaluation – John Singleton, Zoning Inspector**

Trustee Evans moved to increase the pay of John Singleton, our Zoning Inspector, to an annual salary of \$53,575 dollars. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Evans moved to adjourn at 10:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



Mark Evans, President



Julie Varian, Fiscal Officer

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