

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held July 19, 20 2022

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 19, 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 McKee. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and Rozland McKee 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 adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested modifications and additions to the agenda, but the agenda remained as presented. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2022; June 21, 2022; and June 28, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested the motions that are made and not seconded be included unless they are withdrawn. The meeting was June 21st not June 14th like it was listed on the agenda. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Presentations – Larry Taylor, Trebel Energy

Larry Taylor stated Trebel Energy has been the broker for Etna Township since 2014. Mr. Taylor is the new program administrator for the gas and electric programs for Etna Township. Volunteer Energy filed bankruptcy and all of the customers for gas have switched back to the utility and are being serviced by Columbia Gas. The electric aggregation program is still intact and being serviced by Energy Harbor at a rate of .0467 cents per kilowatt. The current rate with AEP is .0723 cents per kilowatt. Mr. Taylor discussed the gas and electric market being very volatile.

Trustee McKee verified that the gas contract did not expire but because Volunteer Energy filed bankruptcy the customers went back to Columbia Gas. The electric is still in contract until September of 2023 at that fixed rate.

Larry Taylor will be on the August 2nd, 2022 agenda to finalize changes in the agreement for when the gas market drops and they are able to lock in another rate. Mr. Taylor explained that as the broker consultant they are paid by the supplier. When they go out to bid they use all the suppliers available with them to lock in a rate.

Trustee Evans suggested looking into information from other companies. Mr. Taylor stated the contract with Etna Township is good thru May of 2023. A resident can opt out or in at any time.

Larry Taylor explained that once a year they will send out a mailer that lets a resident know that they are not currently in the aggregation program and to do the mailer they will need to request a list from AEP and Columbia Gas. They require approval from Etna Township to receive the list. Mr. Taylor will provide the township with information prior to the meeting for their review.

Public Comments

Judy Cafmeyer of 29 Roma Court discussed items that disappear from New Business to Old Business specifically the Reynoldsburg Annexation, Mr. Evan’s request to add twelve items to the agenda, the Harassment Policy, feels the money for the Fireworks should go towards security cameras, and exclusionary zones for solar and wind to protect Etna Township.

Josh Yardley of 96 Nantucket volunteered to work with our webmaster on the website, discussed the park, stated there are no playgrounds or parks on the west side of town, would prefer family-owned businesses over chain stores, discussed having breweries, and the list of agenda requests is long and to compromise on the items and possibly hold more meetings.

Chuck Bundy of 10254 Tollgate Road discussed development on Tollgate Road regarding light and noise pollution. Mr. Bundy stated there are “No Thru Truck” signs on SR204 and northbound on Tollgate Road in Violet Township but not on Etna Township’s portion of Tollgate Road. Trustee Evans explained that Violet Township is a different type of township and they have the authority to regulate their roads. Trustee Evans will look into the signage.

Yvonne and Keith Bobo of 403 Laurel Drive followed up on purchasing the property that Etna Township owns on Laurel Drive. The township approached them approximately five years ago. The process that needs to be followed was discussed. Trustee Evans volunteered to collect the signatures. Mr. Vance spoke with Mr. Bobo regarding the process and will send them a letter. The signatures need to be notarized. Trustee Evans requested this be an item on the agenda for discussion.

Trustee Johnson explained that the contract was negotiated with Trebel that there will be no charge for opting in or out to the residents of the township.

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Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East addressed concerns with the fireworks being proposed this evening and requested the Trustees not move forward with the fireworks for several reasons, one is the cost is over thirteen thousand dollars on a fireworks contract that appears to be between two private companies, Hamburg and Mr. Sabatino; second both ethical and legal questions remain unanswered about last year fireworks event, and third it is suggested that the township pay for the fireworks with JEDZ funds which he stated is the same false narrative used to pay for the residents trash bills prior to the election last year to gain votes. Mr. Burkholder discussed several multi-million road projects and infrastructure projects in the horizon and whether there will be enough JEDZ funds to pay for those projects. Mr. Burkholder would like to see the JEDZ funds be used for public safety, such as security camera, and infrastructure. Mr. Burkholder stated Mr. Sabatino has active development projects in the township and the appearance of last year's fireworks and a quid pro co relationship should be avoided.

Ashley King of 75 Trail East thanked them for meeting with her to answer some of her questions and discussed the request for twelve items to be amended onto to the agenda is excessive and suggested asking for a few items that are top priority. She feels the fireworks showed a huge sense of community and had a wonderful time last year and feels this year it needs to be marketed better this year. She would like to see a Food Truck Friday at the park and discussed the Zoning regulations. Ashley King would like to see social media for the township and recommends additional people to view it. She is very happy with the agenda items.

Bill Boatman of 133 Buttonbush Place stated this is his first board meeting and it is very sad to see how dysfunctional this board and requested they get it together for the residents and to not argue in public. Trustee Evans stated they do have to have conversations in public and it is required.

Mark Evans of 91 Olde North Church Road spoke as a resident regarding the previous meeting during Trustees Comments when the meeting was adjourned and feels this board is silencing a Trustee. Mr. Evans requested the Trustees work together as a board and discussed Economic incentives, the Pike Street project, and having community input.

Fiscal Officer Report

F/O Varian presented the Trustees with the first half of the year financials. The township has received the second round of the ARPA Funds in the amount of \$465,000 dollars.

Motion to pay the bills and approve purchase orders

Resolution 22-07-19-01: Trustee McKee moved to approve purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed the purchase order regarding the fireworks. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed the mileage reimbursement from the Zoning Department and requested in the future more details such as the address they are inspecting. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Management Consultant's Report

Management Consultant Bill Vance provided an overview of the following properties.

Mr. Vance and the Zoning Department are making progress on the Scannell property concerns with the Fedex Properties commercial site impacts which include stormwater and lighting improvements along with increasing the height of the soundwall between them and the adjacent properties. They will be meeting again in August to discuss the next steps.

At the Storge One site the lighting has been adjusted downward at this time and stormwater basins have been cleared. The tree buffer approved with the development needs to be installed and will be followed up on.

The stormwater issues on Tollgate Road have been reviewed and they are making progress on this issue.

The lighting issue on Main Street at the Apartment complex has been addressed and is supposed to be lowered and the staff will follow-up on the lighting concerns. Trustee Evans discussed concerns with the lighting at the Blue Monkey and Mr. Vance is not aware of any issues with adjacent property owners.

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New Business

2022 Etna Township Annual Community Day and Fireworks

Trustee McKee feels that Etna Township generates significant revenues annually from JEDZ development agreements and proposed for consideration that the Etna Township Board of Trustees use these resources to cover the \$13,250.00 cost associated with a September 4, 2022, Etna Community Annual Fireworks Show. Trustee McKee would like this to become an annual event. Trustee McKee will be reaching out for Corporate sponsors to help with the cost of the event.

The fireworks will be set off on Ron Sabatino's property like the past two years. The difference is this event will be a community event. Trustee McKee discussed getting the Boys Scouts involved with possibly a pancake breakfast in the morning here, reaching out to the school to see if the band would be available, and in the future this event would be moved over to the new township park property. Trustee Evans discussed the cost from previous years were twice this amount. Trustee McKee explained that the township would only be responsible for the cost of the fireworks and not anything else. Evans discussed the previous two years and stated those events are under investigation by the fraud investigators of the special investigative unit of the auditor's department. Trustee Evans discussed the location of the event and VIP tables during the previous events and feels this is highly improper to work with a developer that is under investigation for a private agreement between Mr. Carlisle and himself to plow undedicated roads. Trustee McKee requested that Trustee Evans be careful of what he is saying because this board has nothing to do with that. Trustee Evans stated it is an ongoing investigation, Marissa Gibson is a fraud investigator. Trustee Evans concern is that the township is benefiting from this business. Trustee McKee made it very clear that these are not private tables or VIP, this is a community event being held at this location until it can be moved over to the township park in the future. Trustee Evans requested the Trustees wait until next year. The Trustees discussed the insurance with OTARMA. Trustee Evans stated the township lost the development that was going to pay the 3.5 million for the Refugee Road Project. Trustee Evans discussed the JEDZ Funds and what they should be used for. Trustee Evans stated there is a fraud investigation going on and a resident requested the case number which Trustee Evans will provide the information. Trustee McKee stated there is not a case number and the State of Ohio does not provide a case number. Trustee Evans stated he can provide email after email. Any sponsors that donate will reduce the township's cost and not the property owner's cost. Trustee Johnson verified that the fireworks can be seen from the golf course and spectators can sit on the golf course to see them and the event is open to the public. Trustee Johnson feels it is a good thing to have Etna Township fireworks and moving it to the park in the future. Trustee Evans objects to spending township funds on fireworks.

Trustee McKee moved to authorize \$13,250 dollars to Hamburg Fireworks Display Inc. for the 2022 Fireworks display on September 4, 2022 and to cut a deposit of \$5,000 now with the remaining balance due 10 days prior to the display date and to authorize the fireworks contract with Hamburg Fireworks Display be signed by Rozland McKee and also an additional contract with Ron Sabatino stating we will be using his property to display the fireworks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: See statements above. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Evans, yes; and McKee, yes.

Old Business -

Road Paving for 2022 - Etna Township 2022 Street Paving List for County Engineer's Estimates

Trustee Evans presented an application to request the Licking County Engineer's office provide estimates for the 2022 paving. Trustee Evans provided a presentation from Pavement Management Group regarding the conditions of the roads in Etna Township. The Trustees discussed which roads to pave and what to request estimates on. Trustee Evans is requesting Etna Crest Boulevard, Etna Proper East and West, and Pike Street East. Trustee Evans discussed different options such as the Rejuvenator Application between paving the road which extends the life of the road and the cost for this application. Trustee Evans is not sure this can be done this year or if the township will need to wait until spring of next year. Trustee Evans discussed the OPWC Grant options with Rob Platte and these preservation options are not covered by OPWC. The Pavement Management Dashboard could be added to the township website for the Road Department and residents to use. Trustee Evans feels the best use of the township funds is preserving the township roads and recommended having them come in to have a presentation. The rejuvenator is eleven cents per square foot.

Trustee Evans stated this is not approving to move forward with this, what he is requesting is estimates from the county engineer so that this can be put out to bid.

Trustee Evans moved to approve the township request for engineering assistance with the attached road list. Trustee Johnson seconded. Discussion: The Trustees discussed the alleys being included in Etna Proper and whether they need paved or just cracked sealed. This list is for Engineering Estimates only.

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Trustee Johnson has concerns with the rejuvenator and discussed when the township did that in the past along with the reclamite. Trustee Evans stated everything he is finding this saves on replacement costs. This is just to receive the Engineer's Estimates. Applying for the OPWC Grant was discussed. The Trustees reviewed the list of roads provided from Trustee Evans. Trustee Evans stated the total paving area is two hundred and eight-four thousand square feet at an approximate cost of four hundred and twenty-nine thousand. The total area Trustee Evans recommends being preserved is 1.2 million which is approximately eighteen percent of the total township pavement area, and it will save the township enormously in the long run. Trustee Evans is basing his decision on all the reports regarding rejuvenator. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Work Session

Townhall Security Camera Update

Bill Vance provided information from two security companies for the security cameras for the township hall location. This would be for the interior and exterior of the township hall. The security cameras storing to a cloud versus hard drive was discussed. The Trustees discussed using the same vendor for both the township hall and garage location. The current vendor is Security Operations Systems Inc. Trustee Evans discussed the need for the security upgrades at the garage location also. The goal is for security for the people in the building. The Trustees discussed the cameras having audio and the Trustees do not feel audio is needed and audio would be an invasion of privacy. Upgrading the current system to allow for remoting in was discussed and this proposal is just for security cameras. Installing a panic button in the reception area was also discussed. The Trustees will request Rob Blevins with Security Operations Systems to attend the next meeting.

Live Streaming Township Trustees Meetings

Bill Vance discussed the live streaming of the meetings and provided an overview of a meeting with Kory Young who does the audio and visual for the township currently. The township is waiting for the quote from Kory Young and will follow-up. Trustee Evans discussed the quote from Mr. Young to the previous board and feels it was very high. The Trustees discussed what needs to be done to live stream meetings.

Drop Box

Trustee McKee provided an outdoor mail drop box for review. Trustee Evans stated this is an agenda item he requested. Trustee Johnson explained during COVID the Trustees discussed installing a drop box to avoid contact and people in the office. Trustee Evans has been researching this item and discussed the drop box being secure where people are not able to reach in and take items out and does not feel the township needs the type for larger packages. Trustee Evans referenced the one the City of Pataskala has and is glad the Trustees are discussing this. The Trustees discussed whether the township needs to have a box large enough for packages or just envelopes. Trustee Evans will forward information to the Trustees.

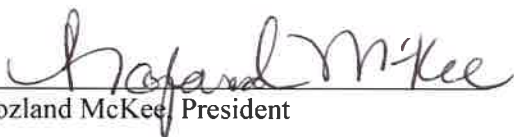
Office Laptop and Tablet

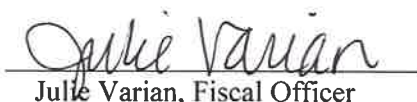
Trustee McKee discussed additional laptops for the township and upgrading Julie Varian's laptop and using the one she has for the extra one to be used as a spare along with a tablet for the Zoning Office.

Announcement and Trustee Comments –

Trustee Evans discussed the proposal for Pike Street and hosting a work session with the community. Trustee McKee has spoken with the community along Pike Street and in the future there will be a community meeting once we are awarded the grant. Trustee Evans proposed a special meeting August 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trustee McKee is waiting until the grant is awarded. This event will be hosted by Trustee Evans.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.


Rozland McKee, President


Julie Varian, Fiscal Officer

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