

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting

## Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ September 20, \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September 20, 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 discussed the JEDZ appointments, JEDD board appointments, the vision insurance, and other items the board should consider 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.

### Public Comments –

Judy Cafemyer of 29 Roma Court discussed special meetings and submitted three topics for a special meeting in October regarding establishing Etna Township as an exclusionary zone from large wind and solar projects, a noise resolution, and battery energy storage systems. She suggested inviting Save Hartford Township to speak at the meeting to discuss and answer questions.

Shelly Marie Ipacs of 114 Royalty Drive discussed the Refugee Road Project and wanted to confirm the facts regarding the project as she understands them.

Doris Caceres Schumick of 9136 Mink Street discussed Mr. Vance's comment during the news interview regarding CORE5 and Mink Street. She discussed the moving of dirt, noise, and light pollution from the development on Mink Street.

Bill Black of 13398 Palmer Road discussed the JEDD appointments along with the JEDZ appointments and he is interested in applying for these appointments and the opportunity to serve the township.

Judy Newman of 9630 Lynns Road discussed Scannell Properties and does not want the township to consider a second building until the promises are fulfilled on the first building.

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road discussed the Comprehensive Plan and MS Consultants. He requested that Trustee Johnson have Refugee Road added to the next agenda and suggested additional Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings.

John Kennard of 10785 Palmer Road requested the Trustees not pass the Pike Street paving project on the agenda and discussed the Pike Street Project. Mr. Kennard discussed Etna Township being a rural community, the Etna Township Community Page on Facebook and the negative comments toward other Trustees being posted by one Trustee. Mr. Kennard would rather live by a warehouse versus a truck stop or shopping center because of the traffic from those places. The developers should be made to do what they are supposed to do.

### Fiscal Officer Report and motion to pay the bills and approve purchase orders

F/O Julie Varian provided the Trustees the financials through August. She is continuing to work with the CPA and the State Auditor on the West Licking CIC and stated they were operating illegally since 2017 and they will receive fines for not complying. Etna Township as of August 31<sup>st</sup> has had revenue of 4.1 million dollars and expenditures of 1.7 million dollars. At the end of August Etna Township showed seven hundred and seventy-six thousand reserve for incumbrance therefore creating a potential carryover into 2023 of over four million dollars. F/O Varian provided input on the financials for Refugee Road and the ways that the payment could be made out of the yearly budget. One way is from the elimination of paying for the resident's trash bill which more than covers a loan payment, those were over three hundred and seventy thousand dollars; the loan payment would be two hundred and sixty. With the receipt of the ARPA Funds which will go to cover the Sheriff Contact that will free up four hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars in the General Fund for loan payments. Based on the existing budget there is already one and a half million dollars appropriated for Capital Outlay Projects for the year and zero expenses. That one and a half million dollars would cover five and a half years of payments for the Refugee Road loan. The total debt obligations for Etna Township are eighty thousand per year. Adding in the Refugee Road debt obligation would be less than three percent. The JEDD and JEDZ income to date has brought in 1.08 million and all the incoming TIF's and JEDDs will only increase those JEDD revenues. The projections F/O Varian has been given for Amazon II and Ashley Furniture they would more than cover the cost of the paving and the loan payments each year and sees no adverse effects to contributing to the Refugee Road Project.

Trustee Evans discussed the West Licking CIC board regarding dissolving or reappointing members and feels this should be addressed because of the audit costs and the fines and stated the Etna Township Trustees are not appointed to that group. The West Licking CIC board has expired and what should be done was discussed because there is a balance in the account. Mr. Vance reported that the development attorney is reviewing the West Licking CIC and the attorney is aware of the balance in the bank.

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F/O Varian was given an estimate from Bricker and Eckler of ten thousand dollars to close it out. Hopefully the township could get some authority to pay the CPA and the attorney fees out of the money in the West Licking CIC account. F/O Varian stated the State Auditor has appointed her Fiscal Officer of it for now.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the check register as submitted by Fiscal Officer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: The Licking County Mosquito invoice was discussed along with the communities sprayed. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Resolution 22-09-20-01:** Trustee McKee moved to approve purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: Trustee Evans inquired on the T-Mobile invoice and whether there is a charge for the phone. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**New Business**

Trustee McKee moved to set Trick-or-Treat for October 31, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans inquired on whether this aligns with MORPC dates. The township usually aligns with the City of Pataskala. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Resolution 22-09-20-02:** Trustee McKee moved "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor." The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: Trustee Evans is glad to see the Road and Bridge Levy is back on for road repairs. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**JEDD Board Appointments**

President McKee explained the JEDZ Appointments expire in October and the JEDDs out of Reynoldsburg that we are aware of were up August 19, 2022. The township is verifying some discrepancies regarding the appointments and terms and need to review and verify.

Trustee McKee moved to table the JEDD Board Appointments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans feels this is inappropriate. They have expired and this should be advertised. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Mr. Vance stated that we will continue to work with the JEDD Board attorneys and have information by October 4, 2022.

**Old Business - 2022 Etna Township Paving Projects**

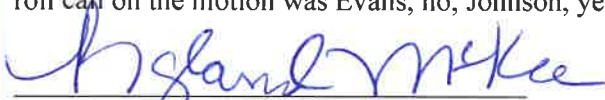
Trustee McKee moved to award the 2022 Etna Township Road Maintenance Project Improvements to lowest responsible bidder, The Shelly Company, in the total amount of one hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars and sixty cents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: The bids were open at noon on September 13, 2022. The township received two bids one from the Shelly Company and one from Kokosing. The Shelly Company bid was under the Engineers estimate and they were the lowest bidder. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

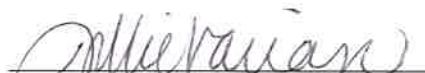
Trustee Evans moved to allow Mark Evans as the signatory for the township to sign the contract with the Shelly Company for the 2022 paving for a total of one hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars and sixty cents. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

**Announcement and Trustee Comments -**

Trustee Evans discussed the water and sewer board point person for the sewer capacity issues, special meeting availability, Refugee Road, and the NCA.

Trustee McKee moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. The roll call on the motion was Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

  
Rozland McKee, President

  
Julie Varian, Fiscal Officer

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