

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held _____ January 17, _____ 20 _____ 2023

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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 Mark Evans, Jeff Johnson, 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 having the draft agenda sent out to the board prior to posting. Trustee Evans requested sewer cost update and vision benefits be added to the agenda but it remained as presented. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to set a limit of not more than one speech of three minutes length on the same question on the same day for each Trustee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested removing the limitation on one speech on the same question on the same day but the motion remained as presented. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to adopt the minutes the December 6, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans does not feel the minutes accurately reflect the meeting and the motions made that died due to a lack of a second are not included. Secretary Laura Brown stated that F/O Varian reviewed them and her corrections were made. The minutes were approved as presented. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

The meeting was turned over to Jim Lenner who provided the Etna Twp Strategic Plan which summarizes the discussions and direction of the Comprehensive Plan at this time. Mr. Lenner explained the information provided is subject to change prior to completing the final draft. Mr. Lenner discussed updating the township Zoning Resolution after the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Transect Based Planning and a Form Based Code were discussed. The community supports open space in the communities and more Parks and Recreation areas. Once the plan is completed the recommended process is the Zoning Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees and then adopted by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Lenner and the Trustees discussed the timeline.

Public Comments -

Teresa Ogershok of 484 Trail West would like to see the survey results regarding the Comprehensive Plan, requested the township apply for grants in 2023, and discussed the security cameras.

Tom Attard of 64 Gala Avenue inquired on his email to Mr. Vance regarding the Rhino Storage drainage issues. He stated the citizens elected three Trustees, wants them to work together, and the work be divided equally between the three members.

Judy Cafmeyer of 29 Roma Court wanted to correct her citizen remarks on January 3rd where the meeting in question was October 4, 2022, not October 2nd and she has corrected the sheriff's report. She feels excluding Trustee Evans from duties on January 3rd, 2023, was done as a power play.

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road discussed the New Community Authority board's upcoming meeting and requested Trustee Johnson formally add him onto the next Trustee meeting agenda to speak. He discussed an article regarding Dynamics being hacked and highlighted items on tonight's agenda.

Shelly Marie Ipacs of 114 Royalty Drive stated there have been good things happening and there have been misleading statements made; The Pataskala Chamber of Commerce appointment for Etna Township was Trustee Evans not Trustee McKee and he did not come to the meetings, the Zoning Commission has been meeting which she has been attending them, and discussed statements made regarding the CAC.

Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East attended the Parliamentary Training and feels all the Trustees should be able to add items to the agenda, reported on the Licking County Commissioners office regarding the Scannell property deficiencies and the Zoning Violations on this property.

New Business –

Trustee Johnson discussed a broken windshield on a truck and a door with a broken window on the skid steer.

Trustee Johnson moved to approve \$350 dollars to 529 Auto Glass. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: These are not routine items. Trustee Evans discussed the purchase limits and that these purchases have already been made and installed. The Trustees discussed the spending limits and discretionary items. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Trustee Johnson moved to approve \$2,173.50 to VDT (Vernon Dell Tractor) for a door assembly where the glass was broken out in it. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Trustee Evans stated this was ordered and installed prior to approval. The door is for the skid steer. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee Johnson moved to purchase a vacuum not to exceed \$400 dollars and Laura Brown is authorized to purchase. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Trustee Evans does not feel the board needs to authorize a vacuum. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the total certified mileage of 55.197 miles to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2022 Township Highway System Mileage Certification. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to contract with Julian and Grube to provide the Ongoing Advisory Services not to exceed \$6,280 dollars yearly. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: F/O Varian and the Trustees discussed authorizing an additional thousand dollars for training. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to contract with Julian and Grube to provide the Internal Control Analysis not to exceed nine thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: Trustee Evans is glad to see the support given to the Fiscal Officer. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the 2023 Clout Membership and to pay the two hundred dollar dues. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans inquired on what the township is receiving from this membership. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to accept the resignations of Eric Nickolas and Necol Washington from the various JEDD Boards. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested the replacement be advertised for. A written resignation letter was provided from Eric Nickolas and Necol Washington resigned during a JEDD Board meeting to be appointed to a different position within the board and will verify if this needs to be in writing. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Resolution 23-01-17-01: Trustee McKee moved Resolution Appointing Members to the Joint Economic Development District Board as presented with the following: Section 1, JEDD1 The Board hereby appoints Jackie Katz to JEDD1 position 3; for the term 8-30-2022 to 8-29-2026. The Board hereby appoints Rozland McKee to JEDD1 position 4; for the term 08-30-20219 to 08-29-2023. Section 2, JEDD2 The Board hereby appoints Jackie Katz to JEDD2 position 3; for the term 8-21-2021 to 8-20-2025. Section 3, JEDD3 The Board hereby appoints Jackie Katz to JEDD3 position 3; for the term 8-21-2021 to 8-20-2025. Section 4. JEDD4 The Board hereby appoints Jackie Katz to JEDD4 position 3 for the term 8-30-2022 to 8-29-2026. The Board hereby appoints John Kennard to JEDD4 position 4 for the term 8-30-2019 to 8-29-2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans inquired if the discussion on the individual members should be done in Executive Session and requested this be advertised to be filled. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Old Business -

Trustee McKee moved to approve the proposal from State Security in the amount not to exceed \$10,819 dollars. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed the current security system installed at the township hall. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to authorize the President of the Board of Trustees to serve as the direct point of contact between outside legal counsel and the Board, and to engage any legal services with said legal counsel on behalf of the board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans does not feel the point person should be the Board President. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

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Fiscal Officer Report -

Resolution 23-01-17-02: Trustee McKee moved resolution to approve the purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans feels there are items that exceed the limit. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to ratify the payment of the above listed bills for January as shown on the payment listing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans feels there are items that exceeded the limit. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

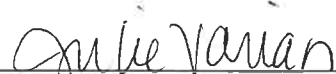
Announcement and Trustee Comments -

Trustee Evans feels this board actively chooses not to work together and controls everything. Trustee Evans stated his appointment to the Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce was for Economic Development only and he has an advisor that has been working very hard that attends in his place and provides him updates, it is like we have two administrators, one that is working for him and the residents and a consultant that is not. Trustee Evans feels the township should be pursuing grants.

Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



Rozland McKee President



Julie Varian, Fiscal Officer

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