

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Special Meeting

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

Held _____ February 14, _____ 20 _____ 2023

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in the Etna Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting a special 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 requested that the full board have the opportunity to review the draft agenda prior to posting. 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 supports the three minutes but does not feel it should be limited to one speech on the same question and also requests this be approved for all the meetings and not done each meeting. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no, Johnson yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to adopt the minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Mark Evans does not feel the minutes reflect the business of the board and if approved requests that they are not certified. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Public Comments -

Theresa Ogershok of 484 Trail West discussed the Licking Park District road extension request, paying for lunch for the JEDD/JEDZ Boards, and purchasing the Langel Family Park property.

Johnny Cremeans of 9617 Lynns Road discussed Mr. Vance's contract ending with the township and requested an update on Scannell.

New Business –

Licking Park District

Trustee McKee presented information on the Licking Park District Government Partnership Funding Program. This grant is based on population and Etna Township is eligible for \$15,877.30 per year for a total allotment over five years of \$79,386.51. The funds roll over from one year to another if the township does not use the funds that year through 2027. The eligible items are listed in the packet that it can be applied for. Trustee Evans discussed other grants that are available such as outdoor fitness center. The Licking County Park District is providing the grant only and this does not commit the township to joining their park district.

Trustee McKee moved that Trustee McKee will sign off on the application and apply, and then work with the new administrator when we hire on this project to try to get the funds for the next five years. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans inquired on the grants coming to the board. Trustee McKee stated she is over the park and she will work with the Township Administrator on the application. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no, Johnson yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

The Licking Park District has requested to extend Freeway Drive to the park's property line so they can access their property to install a parking lot for their employees only. Zoning Inspector John Singleton explained the property is owned by the Thomas J Evans Foundation under the control of the Licking Park District and is a wetland area with limited access. This will be for access to a parking area for their personnel only and will not be an open area with high traffic. They are only requesting it be gravel. It is approximately sixty feet from Freeway Drive to the property line. The Trustees previously turned this request down. Trustee Evans feels it is the responsibility of the property owner to extend their driveway and the Park District should pay for this. Trustee McKee was approached by the new Director regarding working with the township on this so they can install the parking lot for the employee access. The Trustees discussed permitting the Park District to install it themselves and possibly allowing them to do gravel. The township might be able to allow this to be done with a Road Right-of-way Permit. The Director Kyle Lund will be attending a Trustees meeting soon to discuss this issue.

Road Crew Purchases

Guardrail

Trustee Johnson moved to approve (to Paul Peterson) five thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars for a guardrail replacement at 9009 Columbia Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: This was due to an accident and can be reimbursed by insurance. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Agreement with WVM

Trustee McKee moved to accept the letter dated February 9, 2023, regarding WMV, LLC Agreement entered in by Resolution 22-04-19-06 to be terminated effective March 11, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This is for Mr. Vance's contract. The Trustees thanked Mr. Vance for his service and wished him well. Trustee Evans discussed Mr. Vance staying to help with transition and this can be decided in the future. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Part-Time Zoning Department

Trustee Johnson moved to hire Freddie Latella at a rate of \$25/hour part-time (Zoning Inspector) on an as needed basis to assist in the Zoning Office effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Trustee Evans has concerns about Freddie Latella's involvement with Mr. Carlisle and the previous board and requested this be put out into the public for applications and feels the township needs to look for a Zoning Inspector with experience. Trustee McKee explained the township has an employee that will be off and Mr. Latella has previously worked in the Zoning Office. The township does not have the time for training. Trustee Evans stated Gary Burkholder also has experience. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no, Johnson yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

JEDD/JEDZ Boards Lunch

Trustee McKee moved to approve paying for lunch for the JEDD and JEDZ Boards no more than one hundred dollars per meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: These boards are unpaid positions, they are volunteering their time, it is in the middle of the day and the meetings go for four hours from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Old Business - State Security

Trustee Johnson has not had a chance to meet with State Security and wishes to table this item. This is for updates to the security at the Township Garage.

Appoint Trustee/Refugee Road Maintenance Agreement

Trustee McKee moved to authorize Trustee McKee to execute the amendment to the Road Maintenance Agreement between Etna Township and the City of Pataskala. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This agreement was previously approved and needs to be executed. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no, Johnson yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Resolution 23-02-14-01: Trustee McKee moved "Resolution authorizing the amendment of the Real Estate purchase contract with the Langel Family" a presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Attorney David Hodge, representing the Langel Family, explained this is to extend the date to the end of the year to allow adequate time to work through the Licking County Planning process to be compliant with the Subdivision Regulations. The new lift station going in on Refugee Road will fix some of the capacity issues discussed. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Fiscal Officer Report -

Resolution 23-02-14-02: Trustee McKee moved to approve the purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: The Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce membership was discussed. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to ratify the payment of the above listed bills for February as shown on the payment listing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: The Trustees discussed the Ohio Insurance Services and the Ice Miller fees have been corrected. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no, Johnson yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Announcement and Trustee Comments -

Trustee Evans is glad to see the discussion regarding the union. Trustee Evans does not know who was interviewed for Township Administrator on Friday or who will be interviewed this evening.

Executive Sessions

Trustee McKee moved to go into executive session at 6:54 p.m. per ORC 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Attorney Benjamin Albrecht with Fishel, Downey, Albrecht, & Rie was in the Executive Session along with the Trustees.

Trustee McKee moved to come out of executive session at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded Trustee Evnas and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to go into executive session at 7:32 p.m. per ORC 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of discussing appointment and/or employment of a public employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This is to interview for Township Administrator. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Applicants Patrick Myers and Dave Gulden were in the Executive Session along with the Trustees.

Trustee McKee moved to come out of executive session at 9:01 p.m. The motion was seconded Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Evans moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Rozland McKee
Rozland McKee President

Julie Varian
Julie Varian, Fiscal Officer

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