

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held February 21, 20 2023

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 21, 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 Jeff Johnson, Mark Evans, Rozland McKee-Flax, and Fiscal Officer Julie Varian present.

Trustee McKee moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested the agenda be provided to the Board prior to posting and discussed several items that he wanted added to the agenda. The agenda 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 does not support limiting discussion regarding one speech on the same question; he does support the three minutes at a time. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Presentations

Licking Park District – Kyle Lund, Director

Mr. Lund requested the township extend Freeway Drive to the property line so the district could install a parking area for their employees only. There was discussion on graveling this area for now and possibly in the future paving this area when the township paves Freeway Drive. Mr. Lund stated the drive would be gated to deter this area from turning into a hangout spot. The person will need to obtain a permit from the Park District to enter the area. The Park District will pay for the portion on their property, which is currently estimated at thirteen thousand dollars for a gravel parking lot. This area will only be used from dawn to dusk. The Park District is requesting the township pay to gravel the fifty feet to extend the road to their property. The Park District does not have a cost estimate for the township's portion. Trustee Evans stated the resident's property lines in that area stop about twenty feet from the road, it's a sixty-foot right-of-way, thirty feet on each side, and the residents are responsible for paving their property line and the road to extend it, which is about twenty feet. A possible cost share was discussed. The Park District is funding the parking lot not the T.J. Evans Foundation. There are funds in the Palmer Road Preserve Licking County Foundation that might be able to assist with this once it is complete but if it is not within Park District property, they are not able to use the foundation funds. Trustee Evans would support bringing it up to within twenty feet of their property line and cost share the rest of it. The Park District does not plan on paving the parking lot or the drive. They do not want to create more runoff by paving. The Engineer has provided them with information on a culvert at the property line for a driveway.

Trebel Energy – Larry Taylor

Larry Taylor introduced Scott Raffeld who is Trebel's office contact. Mr. Taylor requested the Trustees approve the EMA, Archer Energy Natural Gas Program, and Energy Harbor Electric renewal. Mr. Taylor provided a graph and the volatility in the market was discussed. The proposed agreements would be for twenty-four months. Larry Taylor provided the recommendation from Scott Belcastro.

Trustee Evans has requested Trebel's fees and feels they should be disclosed. Larry Taylor explained that this was discussed when Mr. Evans stopped at their booth during the OTA Conference and Trebel has provided them. Larry Taylor will re-send them. Trustee Evans has requested the Trustees allow other aggregators to present their rates and terms. Trustee Evans has concerns about the confidentiality agreement that cannot be shared. Larry Taylor stated the market is down and it is time to lock in the rates. Mr. Taylor stated he believes it is stated that their fee will be two mill or less.

Trustee McKee spoke with a lot of Townships at the Ohio Township Association conference who had good things to say about Trebel. Trustee Evans stated he has spoken to many with many concerns. Trustee McKee received an email from Trebel that Trustee Evan's harassed them at their booth. Trustee Evan's stated he walked up and asked them when they are going to disclose their fees and Scott Belcastro replied they already have. Trustee Evans does not agree.

Trustee Johnson verified the price Trebel has locked in for the natural gas program is fifty-seven cents, almost fifty-eight cents. Larry Taylor confirmed that it is per ccf.

Trustee Johnson asked Trustee Evans if the other one he provided is a half cent per ccf. Trustee Evans stated that is their fees. The Trustees discussed the proposal from Aspen Energy. The way the aggregation program works was discussed. The finished price that the resident pays includes the margin that Trebel receives.

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A resident can opt out and opt in at any time without paying a fee or penalty. This is an opt out program. From a list of eligible residents, a letter is sent out with the option to opt out by a certain date, if a resident wants to opt in the resident does not need to do anything.

The length of the Aggregator contract and the lengths of the supplier agreements were discussed because they are overlapping terms.

When a resident opts in and opts out, they might be subject to the bill cycle. This is for the township Aggregation Program which is another option for a resident. A resident can choose what supplier they choose to go with. The Trustees discussed the rates on the PUCO website and the rates on Apples and Apples.

The Licking County Prosecutor's Office has approved the documents as to form. Trustee Evans would like this issue tabled until he can bring in other aggregators and review the contracts. The current contract ends in May23, 2023.

Larry Taylor is not sure why Scott Belcastro has forty-one months in the contract. Mr. Belcastro can provide more information on the term. This was modified from five years to forty-one months.

Trustee Evans wanted to invite other aggregators in to present and suggested a special meeting.

Public Comments -

Theresa Ogershok of 484 Trail West requested the Trustees read the book of Proverbs regarding proper administration of government to the benefit of the public, just substitute Trustees where it states Kings. When she goes to buy a new car, she goes to several dealers to get the best deal and recommends the Trustees speak with more than one aggregator.

Judy Cafemyer of 29 Roma Drive mentioned items that seem to disappear, agenda items requested by residents, items requested by Trustee Evans, the replacement of a nearly new security system, and exclusionary zones for solar and wind.

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road discussed the two earlier presentations and requested from all three Trustees they stay on point, speak facts, to stop arguing and requested the Trustees work together.

Matthew Rausenberg of 46 Cedar Park Blvd discussed contracts that are done with his company usually have three proposals to choose from, he uses Apples and Apples to see rates, and does not feel Etna Township residents should fund the road to go to the park.

Gary Burkholder of 254 Trail East thanked the board for not taking action on the aggregation this evening, he will make a public record for those fees and a copy of the contract, and stated the City of Columbus had the same issue with disclosing the fees. Mr. Burkholder discussed the deadline for the Scannell deficiencies with the Licking County Subdivision Regulation and feels they are not in compliance with the Etna Township Zoning Resolution.

Ashley King of 75 Trail East agrees with Ryan Davis and feels if you are going to point out that others are not answering questions then you should also answer the questions.

Alesia Zacher of 79 Trail East discussed the postings on Facebook by Trustee Evans, the information from Wherewolfe showing the four cameras and Trustee Evans activities totaling eighty-three minutes which she feels is surveillance. Mrs. Zacher inquired why Trustee Evans turns his camera on ten minutes prior to the meeting and again requests a copy of the video from when he announces he is taping.

John Kennard of 10785 Palmer Road thanked Mrs. McKee for the JEDD Board Appointment. Mr. Kennard referenced the meeting when he was appointed and feels Trustee Evans' comments and outburst towards a resident were uncalled for and stated Mr. Evans doesn't know anything about him. This a nonpaying voluntary position. Mr. Kennard feels that all of this activity on the board started after Trustee Evans was elected and discussed Mr. Evans taping the meetings prior to being elected.

New Business

Resolution 23-02-21-01 Trustee McKee moved resolution to appoint members to the Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council appointing Necol Washington and John Carlisle as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans does not support John Carlisle. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

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Resolution 23-02-21-02 Trustee McKee moved resolution to appoint members to the Licking County City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Council appointing Necol Washington and John Carlisle as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans does not support John Carlisle. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Road Department Items

Jess Howard Electric Company

Trustee Johnson presented a quote from Jess Howard to replace light poles on Taylor Road.

Trustee Johnson moved to authorize, not to exceed seven thousand fifty-one dollars, to Jess Howard company for light poles replacement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: If the accident was by an insured person the township could be reimbursed. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

State Security

Trustee Johnson provided a proposal from State Security for a monitoring system at the garage.

Trustee Johnson moved to spend ten thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars to State Security and approve the thirty-five dollar a month monitoring charge for the security system for the garage. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: This system is in addition to the current one and provides monitoring. Trustee Evans would like to have an executive session regarding security at the garage and would like to add additional video cameras. The roll call on the motion was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee Johnson moved to accept Brandon Menninger's letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Trustee Evans has concerns about retaining employees and salary issues. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to post the (road crew) position with OTA (Ohio Township Association). The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: The Trustees discussed the cost for posting with the OTA is twenty dollars, the post will remain on the township website, and posting on the Pataskala Chamber of Commerce website.

Trustee Evans moved to amend to add authorization to Jeff Johnson up to \$1,000 to pursue any other advertising, searches, to full fill these positions in our Road Department because they are critical. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKee. Discussion: Don Copley needs the support and previously there were only a couple applicants. They discussed pay, union, posting on social media, and using Indeed. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The motion as amended passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Old Business -

Grow Licking County Membership 2023

Trustee McKee recommends table until next meeting because she is waiting on Grow Licking County to clarify some questions.

Trustee McKee moved to approve an additional \$382.82 to Brosius, Johnson, and Griggs for 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This is additional for the 2022 appropriations. Trustee Evans has concerns about the overage and the matters that are being handled by this law firm. Trustee McKee explained there are a lot of issues that she has to run by council. The legal bills to Albers and Albers for sixty-three thousand dollars were discussed that were done by Trustee Evans. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; motion passed 2-1.

Fiscal Officer Report -

Resolution 23-02-21-03: Trustee McKee moved to approve the purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and 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 Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans requested the T-Mobile bill be a detailed invoice. Trustee Evans discussed the Prosecutor's office not costing the township and feels Brosius and Griggs was for Economic development. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Announcement and Trustee Comments -

Trustee McKee discussed the Ohio Township Association conference and attended several training classes along with Clout Training.

Trustee Evans stated "He said Trustee McKee was not seen when someone inquired. There is contention on this board and I am fighting for the residents and not arguing."

Trustee Johnson stated "Everyone has their opinions, and everybody can present their opinions, but I don't think I have to accept your opinions as facts and a lot of these opinions are presented as facts. I would ask that you realize that a lot of these facts are not facts and just opinions."

Trustee McKee moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson 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.