

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held _____ June 6, _____ 20 _____ 2023

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 6, 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, and Rozland McKee-Flax present. F/O Julie Varian was excused.

Trustee McKee moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed items on the agenda and public comments. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Trustee McKee moved to adopt the minutes from the May 2nd, 2023 and May 16th, 2023 meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans discussed the changes on the minutes and does not feel the minutes reflect the actions of the board. Laura Brown reported the minutes were sent out last week and the only modifications were grammar. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

Reports – Township Administrator Nita Hanson

Township Administrator Nita Hanson provided an oral report regarding several township items. The park property was farmed in 2022 and in the agreement if the crops were in by June the rent would be paid to the current property owner. The crops were in by June with the rent being paid to JBW and the Sniders. The Licking County Engineer's Office is planning for the opening of Mink Street early next week. The property tax evaluations are made by the Licking County Auditor and property owners can request a review through the Auditor's Office.

A light pole at Taylor Road SW & Palmer Road was damaged in an accident. The estimate to replace the pole from Jess Howard is \$3,641. That amount will be reimbursed by the responsible party's insurance.

Trustee McKee moved to authorize Jess Howard Electric Company for three thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars for the light pole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The road crew is in need of additional shirts. The invoice from M & H Screenprinting for \$460.00 is for the purchase of 25 shirts.

Trustee McKee moved to authorize the expenditure to M&H Screenprinting for \$420 dollars for the safety clothing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The Zoning Office issued twenty-four zoning permits for the month of May for a total of two thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars. There were fifteen violation letters with nine of the violations being abated. The Zoning Commission is working on NAICS Codes. The Board of Zoning Appeals granted a sign variance to Southwest Licking Schools.

New Business –

Trustee McKee moved to present a Certificate of Commendation to Ava Wandersleben for receiving the Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to request Engineering Assistance for the 2023 Road Paving and to authorize Jeff Johnson to finalize the roads. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Johnson reported the roads being submitted are Palmer Road, Etna Parkway, and Heritage Drive. The Trustees discussed roads in the township needing paved and applying for the OPWC grant. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the June 30th, 2023, Community Movie & Music Night event not to exceed two thousand and five hundred dollars and to authorize Rozland McKee to sign the contracts. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans supports this event. Trustee McKee explained this is a special event and food trucks are permitted. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to approve the Dynamic Networks Managed Services Agreement upon approval as to form by Prosecutor's office and to authorize Rozland McKee to sign and to authorize the monthly bill of two hundred and fifty-nine dollars covering email, archiving, backup, and security and the Office 365. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: Trustee Evans did not receive this contract information until this evening and has not had the opportunity to review it. The roll call was as follows: Evans, no; Johnson, yes; and McKee, yes; passed 2-1.

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Trustee McKee moved to authorize Nita Hanson, Township Administrator, to apply for the ODOT EV Charging and Fueling Station Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans. Discussion: The Trustees discussed a possible location for the fueling station and criteria to apply. The deadline for this grant program expires on June 13, 2023. Mrs. Hanson has done additional research on this grant and has concerns that the Township will not meet all of the criteria and recommends the Trustees table this motion this evening.

Trustee Evans moved to table. Trustee McKee seconded and the motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Fiscal Officer Report

Resolution 23-06-06-01: Trustee McKee moved to approve the purchase orders as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This is the list of purchase orders that were emailed to the Trustees by F/O Varian. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee McKee moved to ratify the payment for the bills as shown on the payment listing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: This is the payment listing that was provided by F/O Varian. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Old Business - Large Solar and Wind Exclusionary Zones Work Session

The meeting was turned over to Trustee Evans.

Senate Bill 52 regulates Solar and Wind Farms.

The Trustees held a work session regarding Solar and Wind Farms. The following speakers presented in person: Ohio Representative Kevin Miller, District 69; Kristy Hawthorne, District Program Administrator with Licking County Soil and Water District; Etna Township Resident Judy Cafmeyer; and Janeen Baldrige, member of Save Hartford Township.

Trustee Mark Evans discussed the Planning Advisory Services Memo from the American Planning Association, the opinion letter from Jim Lenner with Neighborhood Strategies, the email from Catherine Hope-Cunningham regarding jobs and Agrivoltaics, the Hardin Solar News Article, and the Licking County Commissioners letter.

There was discussion between the Board of Trustees and residents regarding Large Solar and Wind Farms. Trustee Evans presented a resolution to request the Licking County Commissioners declare Etna Township an Exclusionary Zone. The Trustees will continue the discussion at the next regular Trustee Meeting.

The regulation of solar farms for under fifty megawatts is done through township zoning and will be discussed in the future.

All the handouts discussed during the work session are on record with the Township.

Public Comments -

John Kennard of 10785 Palmer Road is surrounded by farmers on three sides with warehousing on the fourth side. Mr. Kennard discussed farmer's property rights and being able to sell their property.

Teresa Ogershok of 484 Trail West discussed Sabrina Warner speaking at the last Trustee meeting being an elected official and wanted to add that Mrs. Warner is an elected official of the Republican Party serving on the State Central Committee. She discussed applying for the road grants, devaluing of property values because of construction, and what solar could do to property values in the area.

Judy Cafmeyer of 29 Roma Court is concerned about Etna Township and what is best for this community and supports zoning provisions for what is best for Etna Township.

Judy Haddox of 46 Imperial Drive discussed all the warehouses in Etna Township and was told by the Licking County Engineer's office that Mink Street would be open today and it is still closed.

Ryan Davis of 8807 Watkins Road told a story about property owners rights and cell towers. Mr. Davis feels the value is what we built it to be and discussed the Comprehensive Plan.

Richard Jarrett of 21 Sedge Court discussed an issue with the service he is receiving from Spectrum and outages and has requested Spectrum install high speed fiber. Spectrum is installing high speed fiber for new service and not upgrading the existing lines in communities.

Steve Slyh of 1372 Londondale Parkway discussed his Facebook page and that people have reached out regarding Public Records Requests not being filled and the status of the security system.

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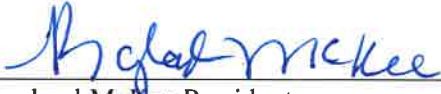
John Laake of 71 Beechwood Drive feels the board needs to be more cohesive and work together.

Announcement and Trustee Comments -

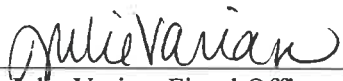
Trustee Evans discussed the Etna In-Focus newsletter and this was not approved by the Board of Trustees, the Park Committee, trash issue on a property on Palmer Road that a resident reached out to Trustees McKee and Johnson, and Zoning Enforcement.

Trustee McKee requested the name of the resident that reached out to Trustee Evans. Trustee Evans will provide the number after the meeting. Trustee McKee will address the resident's concern. Trustee McKee discussed the intimidating emails from Trustee Evans to herself, Nita Hanson, Trustee Johnson, and Laura Brown.

Trustee McKee moved to adjourn at 8:14 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.