

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS &amp; SUPPLIES 844-224-3339 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 20, 20 2024

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the Etna Township Hall, 81 Liberty Street, Etna, Ohio 43018 for the purpose of conducting a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gary Burkholder.

**Trustees Present**

Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Trustees Absent****Others in Attendance**

Holly Palumbo, Jackie Cotugno, and Freddie Latella

**1. Opening**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Invocation
- d. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

*Moved by:* Mark Evans*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0****3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Minutes - Special June 12, 2024

T-2024-06-12 Special Draft.docx 

Motion to approve the June 12, 2024, special meeting minutes with discussion.

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Abstain** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Failed due to lack of second. 0-0**T-2024-06-12 Special Minutes Draft (2).pdf 

Trustee Evans stated there were corrections that needed to be made including the type of meeting. Also, there is wording under public comments that need to be corrected as they did not make sense.

Motion to amend with corrections to the June 12, 2024, special meeting.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax  
**No** Mark Evans

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**Carried 2-1**  
Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular June 18, 2024.

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Abstain** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**No Vote 0-0**

T-2024-06-18 Minutes Draft.docx

Motion failed due to lack of second.  
Motion to approve July 22, 2024, special meeting.

*Moved by:* Mark Evans

**Abstain** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**No Vote 0-0**

T-2024-07-22 Special Minutes Draft.pdf

Trustee Evans moved for discussion. Motion failed due to lack of a second.  
Motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024, special meeting.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Mark Evans

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax  
**No** Mark Evans

**Carried 2-1**

T-2024-07-24 Special Draft Minutes.docx

Trustee Burkholder moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Evans seconded the motion for discussion. Trustee Evans stated there were corrections that needed to be made, sections included the specifics of the executive session and the type of meeting. Trustee Burkholder stated for the record that Trustee Evans has not sent the corrections to the Administrative Assistant prior to the meeting. Trustee Evans also stated for the record, he feels he is the only trustee to review the minutes. The board voted to adopt the minutes with corrections. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024, special meeting.

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax  
*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax  
**No** Mark Evans

**Carried 2-1**

T-2024-07-25 Special Draft Minutes.docx

Trustee Evans stated there were corrections that needed to be made. The type of meeting needs to be corrected and also the executive session needs to be specified. Trustee Evans would like to know why the other trustees are not reviewing the minutes. Trustee McKee stated she is reviewing the minutes and the two just do not agree on some interpretations. Trustee Burkholder asked Trustee Evans to please

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forward all corrections to the Administrative Assistant. The board voted to adopt the minutes with corrections.  
Motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024, special meeting.

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax  
*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax  
**No** Mark Evans

T\_2024-08-12 Special Draft.docx  **Carried 2-1**

Trustee Evans stated the executive session needs to be specified and there is a correction to the motion topic. The board voted to adopt the minutes with corrections.

#### 4. Public Comments

Thaah Young - 9167 Taylor Rd Reynoldsburg - The city of Reynoldsburg has passed out talking points for their tax levy in November. Mrs. Young shared this information with the board.

Joe Wagner - Beechwood Drive - Mr. Wagner has been a long-time resident and a local business owner for over 30 years. Mr. Wagner is concerned about unsecured chemicals being stored outside. These chemicals can be mixed with other chemicals to create terrorist weapons. Mr. Wagner called Trustee Burkholder over a month ago and has not received a response. Mr. Wagner would like to know why the inspector position was not bid out. He also feels Freddie is doing a good job.

Nick Weigel - 10254 Refugee Road - Mr. Weigel is a 10-year resident of Etna and Marine Vet. He has suffered from the road widening. On May 31st Mr. Weigel had a tire blow due to the road widening. He instantly contacted Mark Evans who has been very helpful. Mr. Weigel has tried to contact Trustee Burkholder as well. Mr. Weigel feels the matter is small. The damage to the tire is \$511.41. He is asking for the bill to be paid, and it is causing a hardship for his family. Mr. Weigel stated for the record Trustee Evans has been very helpful. Trustee Burkholder has brought this matter up to the safety director. Trustee Burkholder believes he was given information that was incorrect. He was told the claim was denied by Travelers Insurance, but Mr. Weigel never received any paperwork. Mr. Weigel feels this should have been taken care of long ago. Trustee Burkholder will follow up with the legal counsel and also stated any trustees can follow up with the TID. Trustee Evans feels the issue is not getting back with people. Trustee Evans mentioned this should have been sent to the prosecutor for review. Trustee Burkholder stated the board cannot check with the prosecutor's office without minutes or a resolution.

Freddie Latella - 184 Hawthorne SW - Freddie Latella has been working as the assistant zoning inspector since January on a full-time basis. Mr. Latella stated he can talk and work with residents of the township. Mr. Latella has the ability to talk with the prosecutor's office, LPC, and the engineer's office because he treats them right. Mr. Latella asked Trustee Burkholder if it was his intention to replace him with Ted Walker. Mr. Latella feels that is not right. Mr. Latella is also requesting pay for Thursday, Friday, Monday, and Tuesday. He feels there was no reason for him not to be scheduled. Mr. Latella asked each board member if it was their intention of getting rid of him. Ms. McKee stated she does not want to get rid of him, but to have him on a part time basis. Trustee Evans stated he would like to have all full-time employees.

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Trustee Burkholder stated he will not comment in a public setting but will discuss the matter in the executive session. Mr. Latella would like to be part of the executive session.

Phyllis Bundy 10254 Tollgate Rd - Mrs. Bundy would like the speed detectors at FedEx to go both ways.

John Kennard - 10785 Palmer Road - The rock at the roundabout looks nice, but Mr. Kennard is more concerned about getting through the roundabout with the yields. Mr. Kennard is concerned that the township paid \$800,000-\$900,000 on repaving Palmer. Trustee Evans corrected Mr. Kennard stating it was only \$500,000. Mr. Kennard would like to know why the township used the paving sealer on roads that were just repaved rather than older roads within the township. Because of the quality of work there is now a speed ditch on Palmer and Mink. Trustee Evans stated the reclamation process is done on newly paved roads.

Jon Hanson 51 Ridgewood Drive - Mr. Hanson would like to know if Trustee Evans is a salesman for reclamation. Mr. Hanson would also like to know why the company is not paying to get the money back from the AHS grant, but the township is. Mr. Hanson has multiple public records requests and would like to know when those will be complied with. Mr. Hanson is concerned about the 8-6-24 meeting. Mr. Hanson has requested the video; however, it has not been sent to him. Mr. Hanson received a response stating the video is not township property. Trustee McKee stated the video is part of a public record, the prosecutor's office has stated as such. Trustee Evans will provide the videos in his timing, but states he believes those are not public record. Trustee Burkholder stated according to the prosecutor's office they are public record. Trustee Evans stated he is still waiting for the town hall videos he has requested. Trustee Burkholder will have those videos soon but will not give unlimited access to the cameras. The Fiscal Officer sent an email to the prosecutor's office to verify if the video from 8-6-24 is considered a public record. The prosecutor's confirmed it is a public record.

Bigyan Bhattarai - 10113 Taylor Road - Mr. Bhattarai has multiple businesses in the area. He is planning to have a small business on the corner of Taylor and Palmer. He has been working closely with Freddie. Mr. Bhattarai would like to know if the township discriminates. He feels the consultant was bothered when he had questions.

Bhim Basnet - 10479 Taylor Road - Their entire community is excited about working with Ethna. They have enjoyed working with Freddie and he has been a big help with their projects. Mr. Basnet thanked Freddie for all his help.

Motion to contact prosecutor's office for clarification on the August 6, 2024, videotaped meeting recorded by Trustee Evans.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

- Yes Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax
- No Mark Evans

**Carried 2-1**

## 5. Reports

- a. Road Department Update
- Ohio Public Works Commission

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Trustee Burkholder asked the board for a list of projects to be submitted on the application which is due in November. The application submitted in 2023 was not accepted. Trustee Evans will be reviewing what is planned for ongoing road maintenance. He believes looking at it five to ten years down the line is better than on a year-by-year basis.

### Pavement Technology - Reclamite Application Update

Pavement Technology has completed their application of the reclamite. The estimates came in below from Pavement Management. The estimate was shorted 3,800 yards, but they gifted the township 5, 000 yards to complete the application.

### Rolen Road

[Rolen Road.jpeg](#)

The Rolen Road has been replaced along with a "No Outlet" sign included.

Motion to refer the IGA agreement on Refugee Road to the prosecutor's office for representation to review the IGA with the City of Paraskala.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder

*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

This is for the \$200,000 being over budget for the ROW and some improvements. The project is still under budget, but over what the IGA had stated. The overage is due to the ROW not being donated but being sold by Microsoft. Trustee Evans stated when the ownership changed the agreement did not transfer to the new owner. Trustee Evans said the county commissioners offered to put up one million dollars towards this project. Trustee Burkholder stated it was only to be used as a backstop if it exceeded a certain amount and it was not a guarantee.

Motion to refer to the prosecutor to see if a claim can be filed against the township since the contractor is not responding.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder

*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

Motion to amend the original motion to check with the prosecutor if the payment can be paid by the township in advance.

*Moved by:* Mark Evans

*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

- b. Zoning Department  
iWork Planning and Zoning Module

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[Etna Township OH-IWorQ PZ REST \(1\).pdf](#)

The cost of the additional module is \$4,350, bringing the yearly cost to \$6,750. Trustee McKee asked if there will be additional training that would be required for Freddie and Holly. Trustee Burkholder said there would be additional training that could be provided.

Map & Text Amendment Status

[Zoning Map & Text Amendment Status.pdf](#)

Drishya Dhital, our MORPC intern, has researched statuses for the map and text amendments. She was able to find twenty-nine map amendments that have not been recorded. All the ones that were not recorded were sent over to Licking County to be recorded. Trustee Burkholder stated the process hasn't been followed in the past.

Zoning Text Change Process Update and Discussion of Z-24-10

Trustee Evans would like to know what the plan is. Trustee Evans believes it has been incorrectly referred to as 2024\* when it should be referred to as Z-24-10. Trustee Evans asked if the board would see something soon. Trustee Burkholder mentioned it will not be soon because the board shouldn't just push something through. Dave Olson and the planning consultant have met to discuss the text change. The zoning commission is not ready to continue with the public hearing. The zoning commission would like to get all the corrections suggested by the LCPC. Trustee Evans stated the process started three years ago. Trustee Evans feels that once a business applies there is nothing the township can do.

Motion to accept the Iworq module planning and zoning agreement.

*Moved by:* Mark Evans

*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

c. Storm Water  
Lakeland Hills-

Trustee Burkholder does not support digging up the roads and putting in another pipe. He believes there needs to be an evaluation of the pond and a long-term solution.

d. Parks  
Nature Works

Trustee Burkholder has spoken with the consultant, they only had until the 15th to apply. They believe it's best to apply next year. They are working on finalizing the application for the park grant through Licking County. In a five-year period, the township can get approximately \$79,000.

Park Committee

Trustee Evans is concerned with the communication about the meetings.

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The July meeting was cancelled then there were three dates given for August, but no meeting was held. The meeting for August was never posted and the committee was made aware there would be no meeting. Trustee Burkholder followed up with the consultant as well.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Resolution 2024-026 ODOT Grant Reimbursement to AHS, LLC Group (Tabled 6/4/24)

There was not a motion to remove it from the table. It remains tabled.  
Etna Twp -- AHS Etna Grant Agreement(19370438.1) - Signed.pdf @  
Resolution 2024-026 - AHS Grant Reimbursement.docx @

- b. Ice Miller Legal Invoice (Tabled 8/06/2024)  
 Motion to remove from the table

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

Motion to pay invoice Ice Miller

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Abstain** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**No Vote 0-0**

The invoice is \$3,000. The main motion was amended to send the invoice to the prosecutor for further review.  
 Motion to amend to send to the prosecutor

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

- c. Comp Plan Update

Trustee Evans has sent corrections to Jim Lemmer and has not heard back from him. Trustee Evans believes even after the corrections are made the township will still need an open house. Trustee Evans would like to get a date for the meeting so that the township can properly advertise the meeting. Win Waste can put together a mailer advertising the meeting. Trustee Burkholder stated we need to get the corrections back before we can advertise for an open house to ensure the comp plan is free of errors.

Motion to utilize the free mailer with the Win Waste contract to advertise and prompt the comprehensive plan.

*Moved by:* Mark Evans

*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-

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## 7. New Business

Flax

**Carried 3-0**

### a. Conference Room Chairs Purchase

[Chair Options \(2\).pdf](#) 

Motion to purchase conference room chairs (8)

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

Trustee McKee has looked at other locations for chairs but was unable to find the chairs that Staples is offering for the same price. The chairs are \$169.99. Trustee Evans stated the sale ends on the 24th so the purchase would have to be made quickly.

### b. Etna Township Web Hosting Proposal

[etna-twp-hosting-proposal-8-6-2024.pdf](#) 

Trustee Evans believes it is a good idea to get another hosting company, especially with Diligent rolling out; it could be a smooth transition. Ipage is the current hosting company. The monthly cost is \$120. Trustee McKee would like to wait to decide on a hosting company until the new administrator is hired, being that responsibility will fall to them. The fiscal officer stated the contract for IPage is up and due for payment. The fiscal officer asked the board if the township should renew the contract for one year to IPage. Trustee Burkholder did not want to do a three-year contract but will have the fiscal officer get in touch with IPage to see if a one-year contract is an option.

Motion to table

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder

*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

### c. Zoning department inspector schedule/hours

Trustee McKee would like to stay in the loop with township employees' hours and schedule. Trustee McKee has received calls stating the township has been closed during operating hours. Trustee Burkholder stated the zoning consultants' hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trustee Evans is concerned about why Mr. Latella's hours were cut and believes it may have been retaliatory. Trustee Burkholder said that was incorrect and would be talked about in the executive session.

### d. Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District

Trustee Evans is concerned the board is receiving no updates from the appointed contact for the Southwest Licking County Water and Sewer Board. Trustee McKee asked the board if they would like an in-person report or via email. The appointee is Trent Stepp. Both Trustee Burkholder and Trustee Evans stated Mr. Stepp has refused to provide either an in-person report or an email report.



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Motion to contact the prosecutor for the expansion of the district and the appointee not providing information.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

e. Win Waste Corrected Communication on Non-applicable Fee  
Trustee Evans clarified the fee for not enrolling in auto pay does not apply to the residents of Etna Township.

f. Maintenance of the Town Hall Building  
Trustee Evans spoke with Ben Sugar regarding estimates for repairs to the town hall. Trustee Evans believes the doors need to be addressed. Trustee McKee asked if the town hall plans that Trustee Evans had were they returned. Trustee Burkholder stated they have been returned.

g. JEDZ Appointees Advertise for JEDZ Appointments  
Motion to advertise JEDZ appointments  
*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax


**Carried 3-0**

The appointments for the JEDZ boards are held in October. There will be a JEDZ and JEDD meeting at the town hall on Friday August 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Trustee Evans would like to seek reimbursement from the JEDZ boards on the reclamation project for Heritage Drive and Etna Parkway.

## 8. Fiscal Officer Report

a. Covid Money  
The township has around \$170,000 in covid funds that need to be spent by the end of 2025. What the money is spent on needs to be determined by the end of 2024.

b. IT Services  
The fiscal officer is still having issues with X-Tek, the IT company. Ms. Cotugno's emails are not being forwarded properly. Invoices are not getting paid because the emails are not getting forwarded. Trustee Burkholder stated there are recurring problems with the IT company that are causing problems in the office.

c. Resolution 2024-039 to approve purchase orders  
Resolution 2024-039 Signed 

Motion to approve purchase orders as presented

*Moved by:* Mark Evans  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

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- d. Motion to ratify the payment of the bills as shown on payment listing [Payment List 8-20-2024.pdf](#)

Motion to ratify the payment of bills as shown on the payment listing

*Moved by:* Mark Evans  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

Trustee Evans questioned the Park National Bank for \$3,814.38. The fiscal officer stated that it is for payroll. Reminder that the payroll is changing to Friday instead of Wednesday starting on Friday September 6, 2024. Trustee McKee would like all timesheets sent to the trustees at the end of the pay period. The Fiscal Officer asked Trustee Evans for his copy of his certification on fraud training. Trustee Evans stated it was already sent.

- e. Transfers  
Motion to transfer the funds of \$50,000 from Primary checking to HRA checking account

*Moved by:* Mark Evans  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

The transfer is to ensure funds are available should an employee need them while at the doctor's or paying a medical bill.

## 9. Post Public Comments

Chuck Bundy - 10254 Tollgate Rd SW - Mr. Bundy is disappointed in this board. For the first 6 months there was cooperation. Now no one is getting along. Mr. Bundy advised the board to pick your battles. This behavior makes him ashamed of the board and has become an embarrassment.

John Kennard - 10785 Palmer Rd - Mr. Kennard has a concern about our road projects. This is the second time a contractor is miscalculating. He feels there is someone who is always wanting more and more. Trustee McKee said at one point Mr. Copley was manually doing the measurements.

Adam Kelley - 8990 Smoke Road - Mr. Kelley agrees with Jon Kennard. When one is failing, they are all failing and the same goes with succeeding. Mr. Kelley suggested saving the fingering pointing for reelection time. Trustee McKee said we are a board. Trustee McKee hopes that we can do better.

Ryan Davis - 8807 Watkins Road - Mr. Davis would prefer the meetings to be recorded and archived so that they may be viewed at a later date. Mr. Davis tries to attend the water board meetings as well. Mr. Davis spoke with the director, and he has stated they are working on tech updates for the water board.

Jon Hanson - 51 Ridgewood - Mr. Hanson stated that attacking the water board seems

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to be the norm. Mr. Hanson would like to know if anyone from the board or Trent Stepp has been invited to the meetings. Trustee Evans stated Trent Stepp was invited but he refused. Trustee Evans did state the previous township administrator reached out, but Mr. Stepp refused. Mr. Hanson stated has anyone from this year invited him.

Trustee Burkholder clarified that the appointees for the water board are appointed by the trustees. The proper procedure would be to update the board of trustees monthly. Trustee McKee would like to know what can the board do in order for Trent Stepp to feel comfortable enough to read the report and not feel attacked. Trustee Burkholder stated the meetings should be held respectfully and with decorum. Trustee Evans has been to meetings where Trent Stepp has refused to provide any information.

**10. Executive Session - ORC 121.22(G)**

**ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.**

To consider the employment and compensation of public employees

To consider disciplinary actions against a public employee

Interview for Zoning Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Discussion of salaries for employees

**ORC 121.22(G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.**

Moved to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. Also to consider disciplinary actions of a public employee.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Mark Evans

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

Motion to exit executive session at 10:30 p.m. **Carried 3-0**

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax  
*Seconded by:* Mark Evans

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

Resolution 2024-038 employing Etna Township's full-time zoning inspector and code enforcement officer. **Carried 3-0**

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax  
**No** Mark Evans

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Trustee Burkholder read resolution 2024-038. Trustee Evans does not agree with the hiring of Ted Walker. Trustee Evans believes the new township administrator should have input on who the new zoning inspector should be. Also, Trustee Evans feels Mr. Walker is lacking zoning experience. Trustee Evans stated we have waited over 7 months and now there is a rush to do this, it doesn't seem appropriate. Trustee McKee stated Mr. Walker has a lot of experience doing inspections and works closely with developers. Trustee McKee stated Mr. Walker is eager to learn more. Trustee McKee also feels the board needs to move forward with township business by hiring the zoning inspector.  
Motion to amend the hourly rate of \$30 per hour to \$28 per hour compensation.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax

**No** Mark Evans

**Carried 2-1**

Motion to add Freddie Latella to the schedule for Mondays and Fridays

*Moved by:* Mark Evans  
*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

Trustee McKee stated Freddie Latella has been with the township for over a year. Mr. Latella would help with the transition to the new zoning inspector. Mr. Latella will also remain with the township until further discussion with the board.

### 11. **Announcement and Trustee Comments**

- a. Next Trustee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Trustee Evans stated there will be no fireworks this year and hopefully there will be next year. Trustee Evans tried to secure an alternate location. Trustee Evans said the corruption was with the previous board.

### 12. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 p.m.

*Moved by:* Rozland McKee-Flax  
*Seconded by:* Gary Burkholder

**Yes** Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

**Carried 3-0**

  
Gary Burkholder, President

  
Jacqueline Cotugno, Fiscal Officer

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