

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting

Etna Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3399 FORM NO. 10148

Held November 6, 20 2024

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, in the Etna Township Hall, 81 Liberty Street, Etna, Ohio 43018 for the purpose of conducting a special 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
Jackie Cotugno and Susan Bedsole

1. Opening

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Mark Evans

Seconded by: Rozland McKee

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

Carried 3-0

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Executive Session - ORC 121.22(G)

ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider appointments to the JEDD and JEDZ Boards.

Motion to enter executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider appointments to the JEDD and JEDZ Boards at 6:02 p.m.

Moved by: Gary Burkholder

Seconded by: Rozland McKee-Flax

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

Carried 3-0

Trustee Burkholder, Evans, and McKee entered the executive session along with Township Administrator Susan Bedsole.

Motion to exit executive session at 6:36 p.m.

Moved by: Rozland McKee-Flax

Seconded by: Mark Evans

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

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5. Public Comments
There were no public comments.

6. Announcement and Trustee Comments
Trustee McKee stated she was appalled that another trustee would state she is not qualified and try to have her removed from the board. Trustee McKee believes Trustee Evans is trying to remove her so that he may be appointed. Trustee McKee also stated Trustee Evans has had the township administrator and himself contact the board's legal counsel for advice.

Trustee Evans stated Trustee McKee had just violated the executive session rule by discussing items that were mentioned in the executive session. Trustee Evans also mentioned Trustee McKee does not follow the law or rules. McKee self-appointed herself to the JEDD or JEDZ board without an application, posting or advertising the position according Trustee Evans. Trustee Evans stated the board is doing it properly now by interviewing, posting and JEDZ applications. Trustee Evans is not in support of McKee being on the board because of past actions.

Trustee McKee brought up past actions and conduct of Trustee Evans when he called her the B word in Newark. Trustee McKee stated she had witnesses, and it was filmed.

- a. Next Trustee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
The board will be making appointments to the JEDD and JEDZ boards.

7. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

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

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

Carried 3-0


Gary Burkholder, President


Jacqueline Cotugno, Fiscal Officer

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