

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting

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

Held November 12, 2024

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 12, 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 5:00 PM by Gary Burkholder.

### Trustees Present

Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

### Trustees Absent

### Others in Attendance

Holly Palumbo and Jackie Cotugno

## 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-Flax

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

**Carried 3-0**

Trustee Burkholder thanked the other board members for coming to the meeting. Trustee Burkholder inadvertently added this item to the previous meeting but failed to vote on the item.

## 3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 4. New Business

- a. Resolution 2024-060 Resolution to retain an independent contractor for the provision of fiscal services.

[Resolution 2024-60 Hiring Visiting Fiscal Officer.pdf](#) 

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-060 Resolution to retain an independent contractor for the provision of fiscal services.

*Moved by:* Gary Burkholder

*Seconded by:* Rozland McKee-Flax

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

**Carried 2-1**

Trustee Evans stated this should have been discussed at the last meeting, but it was not. Trustee Evans was dismayed to see the resolution had already been signed by Trustee Burkholder as if it had been passed. Trustee Evans believes there are no reviews of documents before they are passed. Trustee Evans is not in favor of the resolution, stating the current fiscal officer had been provided with plenty of training opportunities with the previous fiscal officer, but refused to take advantage of the training. The previous fiscal officer was given zero

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help during their transition period.

Trustee McKee stated for the record the previous fiscal officer did receive help from a lady in Pickerington by the name of Vanessa. Trustee McKee would like to move forward with the help that is offered by the state of Ohio to give the current fiscal officer all the help that is needed.

Trustee Burkholder has had talks with the township administrator and agrees getting help for the fiscal officer is the right thing to do in the best interest of the township.

b. **Win-Waste Holiday Collection Event**

Motion to notify WinWaste donations to be sent to the West Licking Fire District for the toy drive and to the Etna Blessing Box.

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

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

**Carried 3-0**

WinWaste contacted the township to discuss a holiday collection event where items would be donated and sent to a charity of the boards choosing. The board would like the donations to be split between the toy drive for the West Licking Fire District and to the Etna Blessing Box.

5. **Public Comments**

Nita Hanson - 51 Ridgewood Drive - Mrs. Hanson appreciates the board bringing the resolution back for a special meeting to be voted on since it was missed in the previous meeting. Mrs. Hanson also believes it is an unfair character assassination of the current fiscal officer by a member of the trustees.

6. **Announcement and Trustee Comments**

Trustee Evans stated the error was not parliamentary. Trustee Evans feels there are constant errors occurring and he cannot get the basic information he is requesting. Trustee Evans stated there are repetitive errors due to lack of oversight. Trustee Evans has continually violated Robert's Rule of Order according to Trustee Burkholder. Trustee Burkholder stated Trustee Evans has constantly attacked fellow elected officials and residents which is unprofessional.

- a. Next Trustee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

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

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

**Carried 3-0**

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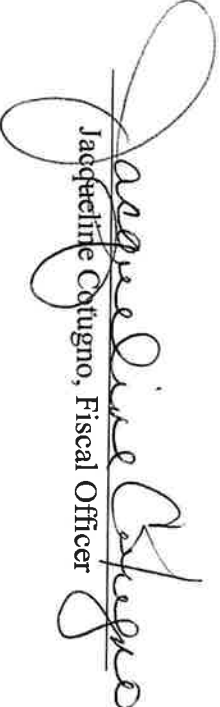
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Gary Burkholder, President

  
Jacqueline Cotugno, Fiscal Officer

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