

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

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

Held April 30, 20 2025

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 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, Bill Spurgeon, Ted Walker, 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: Rozland McKee-Flax

Seconded by: Gary Burkholder

Yes Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax
No Mark Evans

Carried 2-1

Discussion - Trustee Evans believes multiple important items were purposely left off. Trustee Evans was called out of order multiple times. Trustee McKee clarified that there were items that she had requested that were left off as well. Trustee Burkholder will have the items that were left off on the May 7th trustee meeting.

3. Public Comments

Mark Evans - Mr. Evans believes he needs to speak as a resident as he feels he is silenced by the board routinely. There are critical items left off the agenda. Mr. Evans stated on the agenda there is no mention of the meeting being a public hearing.

4. New Business

- a. Etna Township Text Amendment - Article 5 - Section 512 Area Variances (B) Standards for Area Variances (2) Whether a variance is substantial.

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Motion to open public hearing on the text amendment Article 5 - Section 512 Area Variances (B) Standards for Area Variances (2) Whether a variance is substantial.

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

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

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Discussion - Trustee Evans stated the agenda does not state this meeting is a public hearing. Trustee Burkholder questioned if on the bulletin board, website, and list serve was it stated as a public hearing. The answer was yes. Trustee Burkholder asked for a roll call on the public hearing.

Mr. Spurgeon addressed the board stating this is a procedural matter and there are many steps in the process. It has been documented that the steps were properly taken. Mr. Spurgeon recommended keeping it to a sole public hearing while being able to research the other items. Mr. Spurgeon stated the operation will be improved. The resolution for the text change will be on the May 7th meeting.

Trustee Burkholder read the timeline of events. Trustee McKee did not have any comments. Trustee Evans is in favor of the text amendment change and has been pushing for it for some time. There were no residents in attendance in favor or against the text change. Dave Olson from the Zoning Commission was in attendance.

Trustee Burkholder thanked the Zoning Commission for their work. Trustee Burkholder is in favor of the text change. Trustee Evans asked for the hearing to not be closed to allow for public comments at the next meeting.

Mr. Hanson of Ridgewood Drive is slightly against the text change. Mr. Hanson believes it takes away the decision making or wisdom from the committees.

Motion to continue hearing to May 7th.

Moved by: Mark Evans

Seconded by: Rozland McKee-Flax

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

Carried 3-0

Motion to add resolution to May 7th agenda

Moved by: Rozland McKee-Flax

Seconded by: Gary Burkholder

Yes Gary Burkholder and Rozland McKee-Flax
No Mark Evans

Carried 2-1

5. Public Comments

Mark Evans - Mr. Evans stated he continues to be silenced. There is no need to have another motion for adding a resolution. Mr. Evans stated there are many people who are frustrated with mismanagement. Trustee Burkholder stated Mr. Evans was out of order.

Jon Hanson - Ridgewood Drive - Mr. Hanson stated Trustee Evans cannot be both a resident and a trustee.

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6. Announcement and Trustee Comments

- a. Next Trustee Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:29 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.