

Eden Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
To consider and possibly purchase property

September 11, 2015 - 8:00 p.m.

This meeting was called to order in the Eden Community Center by Chairman Ryan Bagent, with all present standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. In addition to Mr. Bagent, the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Don Glover, Trustee Ken Hall and Fiscal Officer Steve Little. Also present were 28 members of the Eden Township Community.

Trustee Bagent then turned the meeting over to Trustee Glover who explained the reason for calling the special meeting.

Property on the corner of Eden Church Road and Purity Road (formerly Bob and Janice Holton's) owned by the Holton Trust, Jim Holton Executor/Administrator, had been posted for sale at \$144,900. Trustee Glover explained, this property adjoins township property and at one point had been proposed as a potential location for a fire station in the future.

Several residents made comments. Karen Hahn commented that there should be a stipulation that no relatives could rent it. Echoed by Harry Farley, who went on to say that we couldn't even mow the roads, couldn't we get a loan to buy a tractor? Others mentioned problems with renters, that we had to use a property management firm if we did rent it to someone. Others asked why we couldn't build a fire house in the ball field because no one uses it. Others voiced their opinion that if we wanted the community to grow we should address the way it looks. Senena Esty commented that she would not be in favor of the township buying property if we can't afford to fix the roads. Tammy Hahn stated she thought fixing equipment was higher on the priority list. Jeff Esty stated he thought with the house the property might be worth \$144,900 but for vacant property it was high. Others asked why we couldn't buy the store property. Harry Farley said it was listed for \$69,900 but that the township needed a dump truck worse.

Public comments were called to a close and Trustee Chairman Ryan Bagent cited ORC Section 3625.(9)C saying while ethically he probably could vote, because the property belonged to his cousin he would abstain and not be voting.

Another comment was made asking if we negotiated the interest rate and that is was high, still another asked when the board would decide and what if it was a 1-1 tie. Trustee Glover spoke and stated the decision would be made at this meeting, another person asked if the trustees would bring it up again at a later date and the trustees answered no.

The question was called for and Trustee Glover voted to purchase the property, Trustee Hall voted no, not to buy the property and Trustee Bagent abstained. The motion failed. The township will not buy the property.

Trustee Glover made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Hall seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

I hereby certify that sufficient funds were on deposit for the payment of the forgoing bills when obligated and funds are now on deposit to pay the attached expenditures; _____ Steve Little, Fiscal Officer.

Chairman, Ryan C. Bagent

Trustee Donald L. Glover

Trustee Kenneth E. Hall

Fiscal Officer, Steve Little