

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

**This is a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Medina Township
To Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Charges of Misconduct in Office by
Lance Traves as a Member of the Medina Township Zoning Commission**

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. HEARING**
- III. BOARD DELIBERATIONS**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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ENTITY NAME: Medina Township

MINUTES TITLE: 2-10-2022, Special Meeting #2

BOARD NAME: Board of Trustees

TYPE OF MEETING: Public Hearing

VOTING SESSION: Yes

DATE: 2/10/2022

START TIME: 7:00 pm

END TIME: 8:28 pm

MEETING LOCATION: Medina Township Townhall

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Mr. Chuck Johnson

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD/COUNCILMEMBERS ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT
Mr. Chuck Johnson	Present
Mr. Doug Eastwood	Present
Mr. Bruce Christopher	Present
Mrs. Angela Ventura	Present

IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	VISITOR/EMPLOYEE	COMMENTS
Nick Dominguez	Employee	
Alliss Strogan	Employee	
Krissy Moore	Employee	
Chief Minek	Employee	
Kim Ferencz	Employee	
Elaine Ridgley	Employee	
Mitch Piskur	Employee	
Richard Marco	Employee	
Ron Kuharik	Employee	
Mike Lyons	Medina County Attorney	
Sign in sheet for visitors	Visitor	Attached to Minutes

OPENING REMARKS

DISCUSSION 0.20 minutes	Mr. Johnson stated that this is a Meeting to consider charges of misconduct in office by Lance Traves, a member of the Medina Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Johnson stated that arrangements for a Court Reporter have been made in order to make proper records of the hearing. Mr. Johnson confirmed that Mr. Traves has received proper notification of the Public Hearing and was ready to proceed. Mr. Johnson presented the rules of the hearing and introduced Mr. Lyons.
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HEARING -OPENING STATEMENTS

DISCUSSION 1:54 minutes	Mr. Lyons, from the County Prosecutors Office, called Mr. Dominguez to testify to create a clear record of documents and how they were delivered to Mr. Traves residence. Mr. Lyons opened the hearing by stating that the Trustees have received written complaints of alleged misconduct of Mr. Traves' behavior at Zoning Commission meetings. Mr. Lyons proceeded to explain that the evidence being presented will confirm the charges of misconduct. Mr. Traves made his opening statement and fully disputed the charges brought against him. Mr. Traves provided and presented his own documentation for the record. Mr. Traves then left the meeting.
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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION 16:00 minutes	Mr. Johnson stated that the hearing will proceed without Mr. Traves present. Mr. Lyons agreed and called five Township Employee witnesses to give their testimonies under oath. Each witness provided detailed testimony regarding their history with the Township and their complaints involving Mr. Traves. All testimonies were recorded by the court Reporter. Mr. Lyons stated that all relevant documents have been covered and identified with a letter reference and asked that they be submitted to the Board of Trustees as evidence.
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TRUSTEE DISCUSSION

MOTION BY 1:05:57 minutes	Mr. Johnson: A motion was made to accept the evidentiary documents, A thru L ,as presented by Mr. Lyons.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Eastwood
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

DISCUSSION	The Board and Mr. Lyons discussed whether or not to accept the documentation provided by Mr. Traves as evidence. The Board agreed to not accept Mr. Traves' documentation as evidence due to not being able to cross-examine Mr. Traves on that documentation because Mr. Traves left the hearing and was unwilling to answer questions.
MOTION BY 1:07:57 minutes	Mr. Eastwood: A motion was made to not accept the documentation provided by Mr. Traves as evidence because Mr. Traves was not willing to be cross examined in the information there of.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Christopher
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0
DISCUSSION	Mr. Lyons stated the documentation provided by Mr. Traves should be retained for the record but not as evidence. Mr. Lyons further stated that the Board can close the hearing at this time if they wish.

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION (continued)

MOTION BY 1:10:05 minutes	Mr. Johnson: A motion was made to close the Hearing portion of the meeting.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Christopher
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0
STATUS	The hearing was closed at 8:10 pm.
DISCUSSION	Mr. Eastwood stated that he has some questions he would like to ask. Mr. Lyons advised that the Hearing be re-opened if there are further questions.
MOTION BY 1:11:55 minutes	Mr. Johnson: A motion was made to re-open the Hearing at 8:12 pm.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Eastwood
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0
DISCUSSION	Mr. Eastwood stated he would like to know, if as a committee member, was there a code of conduct or letter of ethics given by the Trustee Liaison to each member. Mr. Lyons called two more witnesses to testify under oath. The witnesses stated that they were given information on how to perform as a public servant for the Medina Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Johnson stated that at the beginning of the year he sends out an email that addresses what is expected of the Zoning Board members. Mr. Johnson stated that he sent out a reminder letter to the Board to treat others with respect. Mr. Lyons asked to submit that letter for the record.

MOTION BY 1:24:03 minutes	Mr. Eastwood: A motion was made to close the Hearing.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Christopher
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0
STATUS	The Hearing was closed at 8:24 pm.

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

DISCUSSION 1:24:26 minutes	Mr. Johnson asked the Board to deliberate. Mr. Christopher stated that since Mr. Traves wouldn't allow the Board to question him and there are documents submitted, he would like to vote. Mr. Eastwood stated that he thinks that the Board should move ahead, and it appears that Trustee Johnson has been very clear about what was expected of Zoning Board members. Mr. Johnson stated that he appreciates the Boards support.
MOTION BY 1:27:26 minutes	Mr. Eastwood: A motion was made to remove Lance Traves from the Medina Township Zoning Commission for the purpose of misconduct, effective February 10, 2022.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Johnson
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

MEETING ADJOURN

MOTION BY 1:28:05 minutes	Mr. Johnson: A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting.
MOTION SECONDED BY	Mr. Eastwood
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. Eastwood	Yes
Mr. Christopher	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0
	Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

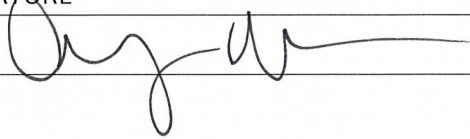
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

TYPE OF MEETING	Regular
DATE	2/17/2022
TIME	7:00 pm
LOCATION	Township Hall
COMMENTS	

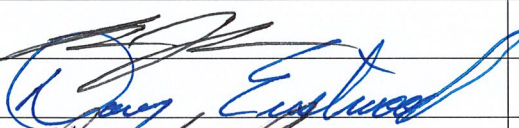
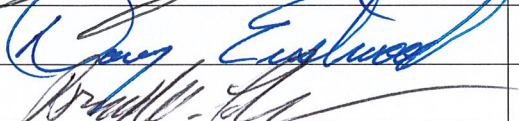

MINUTES PREPARED BY

NAME	TITLE	DATE
Krissy Moore	Office Assistant	3/17/2022

ATTESTED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Fiscal Officer	4/14/2022

BOARD/COUNCIL CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
	Chairman	4/14/2022
	Vice Chairman	4/14/2022
	Trustee	4/14/2022

MEDINA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
TRUSTEES MEETING

MEETING HELD 2-10-2022

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lance Thomas	4096 Sacramento Blvd -
Alliss Strogan	STAFF
RICHARD MARCO	STAFF
Wylie Oat	3670 Hamilton Rd
Samuel B. Cox	3414 Huffman
Mitch Piskun	3970 Hamilton
Jimmy Traynor	4004 Reuser
Ron Kukhar: K	3405 Nichols Rd.
Angel Abshire	900 Dawn Ct #35
Bonnie Finley	3414 Huffman
Kim Ferencz	HJ
Dave Johnson	3298 Fuskett Rd