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## Burkholder named Etna Township board president in first meeting of 2024



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## 'She really had no choice': Etna Township loses administrator over hostile work environment



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Etna Township's administrator is no longer in the position because of what she and her attorney allege is a [hostile and abusive work environment](#).

[Nita Hanson](#) left the position Wednesday, less than a year after she was hired in March as the township's first full-time administrator since



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## Planning for the future: Etna Township planning for type of development residents want



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As Amazon, FedEx, Kohl's and other warehouses have been built in [Etna Township](#) over the past decade, many residents are not happy with how their rural community has changed.

Now a new community plan is focused on bringing in the kind of development residents want to see.

After more than [a year and a half of work](#), the updated Etna Township

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## Etna Township seeks temporary employee as it prepares to lose 3rd staff member in 6 weeks



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## Etna trustees approve posting open jobs, hire attorneys to deal with employee issues



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## Etna Township OKs \$80,000 payout to ex-administrator amid toxic work environment claims



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Etna Township has agreed to an \$80,000 settlement with its former administrator after she [left the position earlier this year](#) alleging the township was a hostile and abusive work environment.

Trustees Gary Burkholder and [Mark Evans](#)

[approved the payment to former administrator](#)



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## 'It needs to be done properly:' 2 Etna zoning decisions appealed to Licking County court



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Two recent [zoning decisions](#) by the Etna Township Board of Zoning Appeals are being challenged in Licking County Common Pleas Court, including one appeal initiated by the township's own Board of Trustees.

Chingle LTD, which had sought to operate a ready-mix concrete plant at 10077 and 10095 Tollgate Road SW, filed an appeal in Common Pleas Court on March 7. The appeal was filed after owner Jeff Cotugno's request for conditional use with a variance at the properties was [denied](#) by the

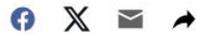
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## Wisconsin-based Uline open warehouse in Licking County's Etna Township in spring 2025



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## Licking County judge dismisses Etna Township trustees' lawsuit against own zoning board



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A Licking County judge [dismissed a lawsuit](#) brought by the Etna Township Board of Trustees over a granted zoning variance that one of the defendants alleges is retaliation against the township's former administrator.

The trustees filed the case April 1 over setback variances the board of zoning appeals approved Jan. 30. In a 4-1 vote, the board approved a request from St. Louisville-based Kennedy Outdoor for a 10-by-30-foot



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## Etna Township won't hold its annual Labor Day weekend fireworks this year. Here's why



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## Etna Township hires Franklin County deputy court director Susan Bedsole as administrator



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## Etna Township drama continues, as Trustee Mark Evans admits to recording executive sessions



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## Etna Township ordered to pay attorney fees to former administrator over dismissed lawsuit



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A Licking County judge has order Etna Township to pay more than \$27,000 in attorney fees over a [dismissed lawsuit](#) after the court determined the case was only brought to further harass the township's former administrator.

In July, Licking County Common Pleas Judge David Branstool [dismissed a lawsuit](#) the Etna Township Board of Trustees filed in April against its own Board of Zoning Appeals and 8900 National Road Co. LLC over a zoning