

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held Saturday, April 8, 20 17

The special meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chairman Irene McMullen with Trustees Andy Bushman and Jim McCaskey present. Fiscal Officer Judy Toth joined the meeting at 8:05am. Mrs. McMullen led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Trustees signed warrants 14817-14837 dated 4/8/17 totaling \$35,401.83 and EFT Vouchers 130-140 for the 4/7/17 bi-weekly payroll in the amount of \$11,301.40. Warrant 14826 was voided. The Trustees signed the contract to P. Ianiro for ball field preparation.

FOWLERS MILL ROAD PROJECT

The Trustees received notice that the speed limit was reduced to 35 mph on Fowlers Mill Road between Sherman and Mulberry Road. They advised Dorothy Ray to work with the engineer on the location of her guardrail. Resident Bruce Oppenheim asked if the guardrail was mandated or suggested. Mr. Bushman said this was a question the Township would have to ask. Mr. Oppenheim asked about curbing. With the clear zone possibly reduced, he wanted to know where he stood with his trees and the proposed curbing. McCaskey said he would add that to the list of questions he was preparing for the engineer. Speed reduction will affect a lot of aspects of the project. Mr. Bushman pointed out that there will still be enforcement issues. The Township will write letters to Notre Dame to inform the teachers and parents, to the residents on the road, and to other affected persons. The sheriff's office will be asked to provide additional patrol. A speed trailer was suggested, and the Trustees agreed to request the sheriff's trailer. Residents asked at what width the curb would be needed. Mrs. McMullen noted that there may be a number of different strategies to take care of water, and wanted to look at all options. Residents said no other options were presented to them. Residents asked if it was an option to keep the road at 18 feet without curb and profile changes. McCaskey said the engineer was told that there would be no profile changes. Mrs. McMullen pointed out that the final plan will need the approval of at least two out of three trustees or the project will not move forward. Jack Schinness said he went through this in previous years on his section of the road and lost his trees. He wanted to know who started this project and why it was needed. Mrs. McMullen explained that the road department reviews the condition of the roads and that Fowlers Mill Road came to the top of the list in terms of repaving. The base was also in question. The road was off center, and the original plan was to put it back on center. There was no consensus on realigning, and as it sits now, the Township will not be moving the road. There are plans drawn and future trustees may make a different decision. Residents questioned the drainage work that was already done. Mrs. McMullen explained that this process was started approximately a year and a half ago. The engineer recommended the work and plans were drawn up. Mr. Bushman pointed out that those plans were not final. Mr. Oppenheim asked about the proposed drainage and tree removal on the Semenik property and was told that this project was at the request of the resident and was not part of the Fowlers Mill project. Ray Painter believed the residents and Trustees should have the final say. He was not against progress, but believed some areas should be preserved. Fowlers Mill was a residential road, a beautiful road, the heart of Munson Township. Resident Tom Kirchner questioned the banking proposed for his property. He believed the two 12 foot culverts through his yard were sufficient to handle the water. Mr. McCaskey agreed to check with the engineer. Robert Voss of 12480 Fowlers Mill Road applauded his neighbors for standing up. His section of the road between Mayfield and Sherman is already at 19 feet and 35 miles per hour, and speed is a problem. Enforcement will be an issue. McCaskey said the key was to have extra patrol to set a precedent as soon as the signs go up. The reporter from the Geauga Maple Leaf was asked to put the speed reduction in her article. Carol Oppenheim wanted to know if 18 feet was an option. McCaskey said the engineer would have to determine what the speed reduction would do to the width, and what the clear zone would be at 35 miles per hour. Mrs. Oppenheim wanted to know if 19 feet with a 2 foot berm was the Trustees' preference or if it was wide open again. McCaskey believed 19 feet was a good compromise. Mrs. McMullen also believed that 19 feet was a good compromise, and said that the Trustees have not given the engineer's office any new direction. The Trustees are getting push back from residents on both directions regarding widening the road. She brought up the Issue 2 money. Resident Donna Christley pointed out that some residents have had trees removed because of the initial plans for a 24 foot road, and asked if the Township would consider replacing the trees to give back the look of the road. Mrs. McMullen said this was a good question for the prosecutor's office. The question is whether the



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Township can do anything to assist people planting trees on their own property at their own discretion. Donna Christley suggested that this be part of the planning process on future road projects. If the Township does not bear the expense, she asked that it negotiate a reduced fee for residents. Dorothy Ray said a number of trees were taken out at her property and the right of way has not been cleaned up. McCaskey told her that all work was stopped, and that once an agreement is reached, the Township will finish the cleanup. Residents asked when the meeting with the engineer would be scheduled. McCaskey responded it would be at least a month. The engineer will be given the list of questions to give him a chance to come to the meeting with answers. Copies of the final set of plans will be made available for the meeting. Residents pointed out that the pot holes are bad on Fowlers Mill Road. Mrs. McMullen told them that all work was suspended, and residents asked the Township to keep up with the maintenance. Mrs. McMullen agreed. The Township will monitor the road to make it safe for travel. The paving will happen next year. Mr. Oppenheim asked about a tree close to the edge of the road across from the Ray property. Debbie Roche asked if the county could draw up plans for 19 feet and for the existing 18 feet, with pros and cons and estimated costs. Mrs. McMullen said they could ask, but as there was no consensus from the Trustees for 18 feet, the county may not agree to do it. Bushman suggested that the engineer give a rough cost estimate. Residents asked for a time table and McCaskey agreed to get clarification. With the reduction of the speed limit, resident Rich Ferlin asked the Trustees to consider 18 feet and one and a half feet of stabilized berm, which would effectively add two additional feet of road that could be driven on. He also asked the Trustees to compensate residents where work was done unnecessarily. Allen Muhic asked that the new plans show specifically which trees have to come down. Residents asked if the billing was resolved for the culvert work, and McCaskey said it needed to be addressed. Resident Becky Gardner, 11444 Fowlers Mill Road, was distressed that all of her trees were removed. She was told that they had to come down. Mr. Muhic asked the Trustees to sort out unauthorized road work. Mrs. McMullen said that although the Township had the right to remove trees in the right-of-way, it was not the way it operated. The Township tries to talk to the owner. Residents said that did not happen, and Mrs. McMullen responded the Trustees were working on issues relating to that. Trustees also make a decision on whether safety trumps individual homeowners' wishes. A resident asked if a guardrail would allow them to keep the trees. Mr. Ferlin asked the Trustees to get ORC definitions for the right of way and clear zone. McCaskey completed the list of questions to be presented to the county engineer. He said these were good talks, and believed they would now make good progress. Mrs. McMullen pointed out that the engineer's office advises the Township, but ultimately the Township makes the decisions. The discussion ended at 9:35am.

CEMETERY DEEDS

The Board signed deeds to Robert S. and Barbara H. Leiken for Fowlers Mill II Cemetery, Lot 349, Graves 2 and 3; and to Raymond Comer for Fowlers Mill II Cemetery, Lot 98, Grave 7.

MINUTES

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MOWING CONTRACTS AWARDED

MHR Landscaping, which was awarded mowing contracts for Scenic River and Nero Nature Preserve, withdrew its proposal.

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to award new mowing contracts to MVL, Inc. for Scenic River Retreat in the amount of \$3,663, and to Signature Lawns and Landscaping for Nero Nature Preserve for \$2,727, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

GEAUGA TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to approve \$200 for Geauga County Township Association membership dues for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

BEVERAGES FOR TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to approve \$100 for beverages for the April 12 Geauga County Township Association meeting, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to approve the fiscal officer's monthly report for March 31, 2017 with a balance of \$1,047,307.02, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to lease the community room for a Graduation Party (Mancuso-Munson Firefighter) on July 16, 2017 from 3pm to closing, approx. 100, for a \$75 rental fee (one-half fee reduction) and \$50 security deposit, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ENCUMBRANCE SHEET

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to approve the encumbrance sheet for April 8, 2017, as written:

Geauga County Township Assoc.	2017-18 Membership Dues	200.00
Other - Dues and Fees	Blanket to 12/31/2017	500.00
Flea Market Expenses	Blanket to 12/31/2017	327.26

with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to go into executive session at 9:48am to discuss personnel compensation and employment, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried. The Trustees came out of executive session at 10:55am and resumed the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCaskey informed the Board of a situation where a resident's guinea hens was a serious noise problem for the abutting neighbors. Mrs. McMullen commented that though this was an agricultural situation, the sheriff and prosecutor view noise differently now.

RECYCLING CENTER

The neighbor was contacted regarding his request for a fence. He is requesting a fence the entire length of the side property abutting the township property to keep debris from the recycling center off his property and to alleviate the dust from the driveway. The Trustees did not believe a fence would eliminate dust, and noted that asphalt grindings were put down on the drive to reduce the dust. The neighbor also complained that residents patronizing the ball fields were walking their dogs on his property. The Board discussed relocating the recycling center to Sherman Road to eliminate the debris and cut down on traffic to the parking lot. Mr. McCaskey advised that the county will add a mixed recycling container to their location at 470 Center Street. They were also checking on whether they could pay for the fence.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Jim McCaskey moved and Andy Bushman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:11am, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Donna H. McMullen Chairman Judith Toth Fiscal Officer