

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held Thursday, October 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jim McCaskey with Trustees Andy Bushman and Irene McMullen and Fiscal Officer Judy Toth present. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Trustees signed warrants 14486-14503 dated 10/25 and 10/27/16 totaling \$9,136.75, EFT Vouchers 823-833 for the 10/21/16 biweekly payroll totaling \$10,955.10, EFT Vouchers 838-842 for the 10/31/16 monthly payroll totaling \$6,887.93, and warrant 1237 in the amount of \$11,464.36 to transfer EMS collections from the lockbox.

MINUTES

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016, as written, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT/CHIEF MARK LYNN

Chief Lynn reported the department received a generous amount of donations for the Halloween open house. Residents will be invited to visit the fire station on November 5th at 9am to meet the fire department members, ask questions, and see the fire equipment. The trucks are being prepped for winter; the ladder truck has been undercoated and is back in service.

FOWLERS MILL ROAD PROJECT

Several residents were present to discuss the Fowlers Mill Road resurfacing project. Mr. McCaskey opened the floor for discussion, first to the ladies present. Resident Carol Oppenheim noted that the October 11th meeting was well attended. She advised that a petition was circulated requesting that the road be repaved at its current width of 18 feet. 21 of the 31 parcel owners involved signed the petition. Another supported the petition but was unable to sign as he was out of town. She submitted the petition and requested that it be entered into the minutes. She asked if the Trustees now agreed that those who wanted the road to be repaved at 18 feet represented the will of the majority. Mrs. McMullen told the residents that this was the only time during her tenure that she had been threatened and that others had been threatened as well. Donna Christley helped to circulate the petition. She found that most were 10-15 year residents and all shared a passion for the road. Resident Marilyn Kirchner said she was new to the process, felt very impassioned about the road, and loved the community, but was distressed to hear that someone was threatened. Although there have been differences of opinion, the meetings have been cordial and controlled. Lyn Jones, a resident of Nollwood Drive, was in favor of improving the road. He respected everyone's opinion, but pointed out that others who live off the road are also affected. Richard Germaine did not want the road to be widened, and asked why only this section was being addressed. Doug Yandala of Chippendale Court asked the Trustees to give consideration to an historic area, as changes made cannot be changed back. A resident explained her emotional attachment to her home. Residents learned that some were piping their right-of-way, and wanted to know if everyone was given this option. A resident believed that widening the road would increase traffic and speed, causing more accidents. Rich Ferlin, although still opposed to widening the road, asked if the Board would support 19 feet of asphalt with a 2 foot berm, and fix the base without moving the road. Bruce Oppenheim pointed out that with 19 feet of asphalt, 2 feet of limestone, and one foot of clay, the footprint would go from 18 to 25 feet. It was suggested that when the grass grows in, the road will look more like it looks now, and that the limestone would support vehicles on the berm. Ten trees still remained in the clear zone. Mrs. McMullen explained that part of her responsibility was to spend the Township's money wisely. The road department does not have unlimited time and money for maintenance. At 19 feet, there was a chance that the Township would still be eligible for Issue 1 money, but also a chance that the Township would be turned down. Limestone will be more expensive than gravel. Her concern was with other drivers and the school buses, not just the residents. However, she believed that 19 feet would work. She noted that the Trustees put in a lot of time working with the county engineer and residents. Residents said they understood this, but much was done without their knowledge and input. At 7:35pm, Mr. McCaskey briefly left the meeting to confer with a road department member about a downed tree. Mr. Oppenheim gave the Trustees a proposal for a compromise for 19 feet of asphalt with a 2-foot berm, keeping the road bed in its current location. Mr. Ferlin offered to circulate another petition. Mr. Bushman pointed out that the proposed road would be 40 percent wider, and asked if the 2 foot berm was necessary. Mr. McCaskey advised that he was approached by the

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FOWLERS MILL ROAD PROJECT (continued)

engineer's office about a core test, and that he told them to go ahead. A pressure test was already done. Mr. Bushman was concerned that this was done without the authority of the full board. Mr. Ferlin asked the Trustees to read the proposal. Residents said they took the petition seriously and needed to talk to the others before making a decision. Mr. Oppenheim asked the Board to make a motion to kill the original proposal for a 22 foot road, and then continue discussion on what to do. Mr. Germaine asked why the engineer's office was so adamant about getting this done and was told that if the Township backed out of the project, 25 percent of the LTIP money would be lost to Geauga County. A resident questioned the preliminary application and was told that the dates would be corrected. Mrs. Oppenheim wanted it on record that the petition had been declared undoable, and that the compromise was all that the residents had to consider that evening. Mr. Oppenheim asked if there was any chance the Board would agree to 18 feet. Mr. McCaskey responded that he was still listening to comments, but that he had to look to the safety of the people and make a decision for everyone.

Jim McCaskey moved and Irene McMullen seconded that we are willing at this time to move forward with the application for 19 ft. asphalt, a 2 ft. gravel berm, and 1 ft. clay for the Fowlers Mill Road Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Mrs. McMullen, yes; Mr. McCaskey, yes; Mr. Bushman, no. Motion carried.

Jim McCaskey moved and Irene McMullen seconded to appoint Irene McMullen Chief Executive Officer and Certifying Representative to apply for the OPWC funding for the Fowler Mill Road Reconstruction project. Roll call vote: Mrs. McMullen, yes; Mr. McCaskey, yes; Mr. Bushman, no. Motion carried.

Mr. McCaskey advised there would be a follow up meeting with a final plan. Mr. Bushman asked to put a moratorium on work being done until the plan is completed, with the exception of the Martini's pipe, a work already in progress. A resident asked if the dirt and pipe could be replaced in front of her father's home and Mr. McCaskey agreed to follow up. The discussion ended at 8:17pm.

SAM'S CLUB RENEWAL

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to renew the township's membership in Sam's Club for a \$45 renewal fee, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

OFFICE COMPUTER SERVER

The server for the office computers is obsolete and needs to be replaced or the computers reconfigured to eliminate the server. Mr. Bushman wanted to replace the server and will follow up with the township's computer consultant.

ENGINE BRAKE SIGN

The County Commissioners approved resident Dennis Laughlin's request for a "No Engine Brakes" sign at the corner of Auburn and Wilson Mills. Questions were raised about placement and what information to include on the sign. Mrs. McMullen will follow up.

TIME CAPSULE

The Trustees discussed including information about the Cleveland Indians and the World Series in the time capsule.

GAS SALES AGREEMENT

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to enter into a Gas Sales Agreement with Gas Natural Resources LLC effective November 1, 2016, for natural gas supplies, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS

On October 25, Mrs. Toth attended a Bureau of Worker's Compensation Destination Excellence seminar in Garfield Heights and Auditor of State Financial Report Training in Ashtabula. Fiscal Officers are now required to prepare "Notes" for the annual financial report whether reporting regulatory or OCBOA (GAAP look-alike).

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the community room to the Mapletown Squares Dancers (Hooper) on November 23, 2016 at noon, approx. 30, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS (continued)

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the community room for a Year End Soccer Party West Geauga (Jeunnette) on October 30, 2016 from 1-6pm, approx. 50, to waive the rental fee and require the security deposit, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried. Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the community room Senior Career Day – Geauga Growth Partnership (Horvath) on November 3, 2016, from 10am-3pm, approx. 140, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

CONFERENCE ROOM RENTAL

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the conference room to Ohio Maple Producers (McKinney-Employee) on November 14, 2016 at 5:30pm, approx. 6-8, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ENCUMBRANCE SHEET

Andy Bushman moved Irene McMullen seconded to approve the encumbrances for October 27, 2016, as written:

Geauga Local Access Cable Corp.	Contract Payment	712.96
COSE/Medical Mutual	Medical/Hospitalization (Fire)	35.00
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance (Road)	150.00
Munson Fire Department	Fire Contract	21,000.00

with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR INTERVIEWS

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30pm to interview for the position of zoning inspector and for other regular business, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

 Chairman  Fiscal Officer