

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Tuesday, April 20, 20 21

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Andy Bushman with Trustees Irene McMullen and Jim McCaskey all present via Zoom electronic teleconference. The meeting was held without any elected officials located in the same physical space and was conducted in accordance with conditions established by the Ohio legislature to reduce risk of transmission of COVID 19 coronavirus. Office Manager Paula Friebertshauser took the minutes in Fiscal Officer Todd Ray’s absence.

Chair Andy Bushman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER

Fire Chief Mike Vatty pointed out that at the last Trustee meeting, Assistant Chief Brian Gray presented a bid for a new tanker that would meet their needs and the Township’s needs. Assistant Chief Gray reviewed the specs for the new replacement vehicle and described several differences it would have such as a heavier chassis and a swivel dumper on the back as opposed to two side dumpers that the current tanker has. The cost is \$354,715 and there is a 14-month wait period. He indicated there is a significant savings because Midwest is a direct manufacturer; other quotes through dealers came in at roughly \$450,000. Tanker 4033 has many engine hours which include providing aid for Hurricane Katrina. When asked about the backup plan, there is an agreement for mutual aid with Chardon, Chesterland and Hambden with Burton, Russell, and Newbury newly added. Trustee Bushman confirmed that tanker 4033 was due to be replaced soon. Chief Vatty affirmed and noted that mutual aid must serve their community first.

Mr. McCaskey thanked Chief Vatty, Asst. Chief Gray and Mr. Ferlin for their work on getting all the information together and especially the detail Asst. Chief Gray provided.

Mr. McCaskey moved to allow the Munson Fire Department to purchase Freightliner M2 for \$354,715 out of the vehicle capital savings account and titled to Munson Township. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Ms. McMullen pointed out that the quote says Munson Fire Department. Asst. Chief Gray explained that once finalized, everything will say Munson Township. Chief Vatty requested clarification on Mr. McCaskey’s motion that it should be Munson Fire Department LLC. He advised the Board that this is a bare bones truck with no equipment mounted, but they need to get the ball rolling. Mr. McCaskey amended the motion to say Munson Fire Department LLC and Ms. McMullen seconded. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Ms. McMullen wanted to make sure the Fire Department has budgeted for the additional equipment expenses for the truck. Chief Vatty confirmed they have taken that into consideration. He anticipated it would be under \$10K and funded out of EMS money.

BALL FIELD SCOREBOARDS

Mr. McCaskey introduced Jim Tyminski and Joyce Perrico who have been working on the scoreboard proposal. Trustees Bushman and McMullen have spoken with legal counsel regarding the matter. Ms. McMullen mentioned that Ms. Wieland is anticipating hearing from them after the meeting. Park Board member Jim O’Neill was also present. Mr. McCaskey felt the scoreboards would be an asset to the community and will enhance the area. Ms. McMullen commented that based on Ms. Wieland’s comments, it is her understanding there is a difference between acknowledging a gift and advertising. It can be a small plaque on the sign or dugout or a way to acknowledge the purchase of the sign, and it needs to be owned by Munson Township. The concern is it looking like advertising. Mr. Bushman mentioned he had been to Lake County and saw signs for Coke and Pepsi. Chardon Booster member Jim Tyminski acknowledged the scoreboard renderings were for bids only; what they put on them could say whatever the Board wants. Mr. Bushman said it would be just for a bit of recognition not a “shop here” advertisement. Ms. McMullen felt it would be helpful if the Board received something in writing, so everyone is on the same page. Mr. Tyminski commented they can fill in the blank for whatever is acceptable to the Township’s legal counsel. The scoreboards would be a standard size of 11’ x 16’. Mr. McCaskey wondered if the softball field sign could be a little smaller.

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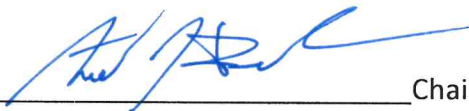

Mr. Tyminski responded that Daktronics does have smaller signs, but they want it to include everything – score, innings, balls and strikes, etc. Mr. Bushman offered to measure the scoreboards at Painesville Park and Mentor. Ms. McMullen felt the Township should file for a variance. Even though the Township does not legally have to file for a variance, the Board agreed they would try and comply whenever they receive the final say. Mr. McCaskey mentioned the sign is going to be permanent. Ms. Perrico commented that as she was talking to Ed Babcock of Junction, he felt the display should only be seven years because if there are needed repairs, etc. they could get new sponsors. Changing the sign content would not affect zoning. Mr. Bushman will talk to Ms. Wieland again to see what her concerns are and get something in writing. Mr. McCaskey added he would probably talk with her as well. Ms. Perrico mentioned that Mr. Babcock did drive out to the fields and one thing he mentioned is the lack of ADA compliance with access to the fields. Mr. McCaskey pointed out this is a special meeting regarding the scoreboards only, but the Board can address it later.

DIESEL MITIGATION GRANT

As part of the grant process, the Board needs to accept the quotes prior to legal counsel’s review. The EPA has approved the grant and Road Superintendent Kirk Walker has made his selections. Mr. McCaskey moved and Ms. McMullen seconded to accept the state bid quote of \$128,242.94 from Cerni Motor Sales, Inc. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. McCaskey moved and Ms. McMullen seconded to accept the state bid quote of \$66,739 from Henderson Products, Inc. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board noted that the May 11th public hearing for the zoning amendment will be held in the Community Room and set-up to accommodate social distancing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

 Chairman  Fiscal Officer