

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Friday, December 18,

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Chair Irene McMullen with Trustees Andy Bushman and Jim McCaskey and Fiscal Officer Todd Ray 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. Approximately seven residents logged into the meeting.

Chair Irene McMullen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. McMullen made a brief statement noting that this meeting was a Special meeting to allow the Trustees to address and update safety concerns related to the Bethlehem Hills Holiday Light Display.

Trustee Jim McCaskey made a statement updating the Board on his recent conversation with the light display operator Brian Brown that Jim initiated to explore possible changes to the operation to mitigate traffic issues. Jim reported that the operator had volunteered to reduce online presales of tickets as a way to encourage more customer to visit the light display during the week and reduce the overflow of traffic on the weekend evenings. He reported that Online presales had started at 1,200 tickets per evening the first weekend, were cut back to 900 tickets per evening the second weekend, and would now be reduced again to 600.

Mr. McCaskey said that the operator had hired and was adding an additional GC Sheriff deputy to provide extra patrol/traffic supervision at the intersection of Heath and Mayfield Rd., and was hiring two additional workers to monitor and direct traffic on the light display property route to promote better traffic flow and eliminate delays inside the operation. The operator also agreed to shut down the display for 15-minute intervals in the event that traffic congestion was creating problems.

Ms. McMullen opened the meeting for public comment. She noted that comment must be specific to the topic of the Bethlehem Hills light show, the subject of this special meeting, and should not reference other meeting participants' comments because the public meeting is not intended for conversational exchanges. She asked participants to state their name and address before making comments.

Resident Rich Ferlin of Fowlers Mill Rd. noted that he had sent the Trustees an email with his recommendations for changing the traffic flow into the light display property, and felt strongly that the Trustees should have met with the operator to discuss alternatives. He stated that he had spoken with both the GC Sheriff and the Ohio State Highway Patrol about his proposed changes, and about traffic enforcement and ticketing motorists as a way to address the traffic back-ups and potential safety hazard they create.

Resident Lester La Gatta of Heath Rd. stated that he appreciated Trustees calling him back in response to his complaints, and indicated that he had concerns about the ability of emergency responder vehicles to get through the traffic in the event of a medical emergency, and he insisted that people would be held accountable.

Resident Dave Sensibello of Sherman Rd. stated that he had driven by the display site many times, and had not experienced a big traffic problem. He stated that the first couple of weeks the display opened, with large online sales, the traffic was heavier, but it had dropped off now. He indicated that he thought it was a great light display, and was an overall positive for the community.

Resident Joe Bastulli stated that he agreed with Mr. Ferlin's comments. He pointed out that Chester residents are also effected by the traffic, and supported a plan to have the back-up of cars waiting to enter the property be "staged", or lined up to wait, on Sherman Rd., in Munson Township, to minimize disruption to Chester residents.

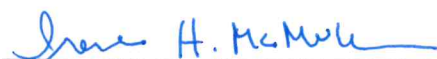
Chester resident Jacqueline Greulich of Kenyon Dr. stated that she doesn't think Munson Trustees care about Chester residents' concerns.

With no other residents indicating that the wanted to comment, Ms. McMullen asked for a motion to adjourn.

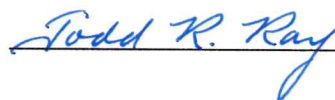
### MEETING ADJOURNED

Andy Bushman moved and Jim McCaskey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 am.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer