

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held Tuesday, January 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Irene McMullen, with Trustee Andy Bushman and Fiscal Officer Todd Ray present. Ms. McMullen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Trustees signed warrants 19227 through 19243 dated 1/24/23, and warrants 19244 and 19245 dated 1/31/2023, totaling \$34,733.99, and the 1/20/2023 bi-weekly payroll EFT vouchers 10 through 17, totaling \$9,437.19.

Cemetery Deeds

The Trustees signed cemetery deed #5-364 dated January 24, 2023 to Patricia M. Clark, for Maple Hill Cemetery, Section 3, Lot 344, Grave 1, and deed #5-365 dated January 24, 2023 to Eleanor G. Kenny for Maple Hill Cemetery, Section 3, Lot 320, Grave 9.

Minutes

Andy Bushman moved to approve the minutes of the Trustees Organizational Meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2023 as presented. Irene McMullen seconded, and with a unanimous 2-0 vote the motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved to approve the minutes of the Trustees Special Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023 as presented. Irene McMullen seconded, and with a unanimous 2-0 vote the motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved to approve the minutes of the Trustees Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023 as presented. Irene McMullen seconded, and with a unanimous 2-0 vote the motion carried.

Realizing that the date for the Trustees Organizational meeting had been stated incorrectly in the motion, Andy Bushman moved to rescind the motion to approve the minutes of the Trustees Organizational Meeting. Irene McMullen seconded, and with a unanimous 2-0 vote the motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved to approve the minutes of the Trustees Organizational Meeting Wednesday, January 4, 2023 as presented. Irene McMullen seconded, and with a unanimous 2-0 vote the motion carried.

Public Comment

Resident Joe Bastulli made a comment suggesting that the Township maintain a registry of residents that would need physical assistance to evacuate their residence in an emergency situation. Munson Fire Department Battalion Chief Aric Anderson was in attendance and reported that the Fire Dept does maintain a list of that nature.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Battalion Chief Aric Anderson reported for Chief Vatty. He stated that the Department has responded to 88 emergency calls in January to date; two mutual aid calls and the rest in the Township. The Department has also logged 190 man-hours of training in 2023.

Captain Doug Riedel reported that plans are being made for a "Citizens' Fire Academy" to be hosted by the Fire Department this spring, for residents and elected officials to learn more about operations and expenses required in running the Fire Department. The Department will have more information available on the Citizens' Fire Academy as the dates and curriculum are finalized.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Surveillance Camera

Road Superintendent Kirk Walker reported that Dave Jevnikar from Geauga Access TV completed a site visit to the Town Hall and examined the building for structural details to install a web-camera on the front side of the Fire Station. He is satisfied that everything looks good for a secure camera mount and installation.

Mr. Walker stated that he is working with Alvord's Yard and Garden exploring the possibility of hosting a chainsaw training seminar. He will keep the Board informed as the plan develops.

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TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Go Green Grant

Andy Bushman moved that Munson Township submit a Go Green Grant application for recycled trash receptacles for Township properties in the amount of \$3,500. Ms. McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chair McMullen noted that the application will be prepared and submitted by a February 3, 2023 deadline.

NatureWorks Grant Projects

Chair Irene McMullen noted that a new funding cycle for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grants is open, and Geauga County’s allocation is available. She pointed out that Munson has some parks project proposals in the early stages that would be possible candidates for this grant funding. She suggested the Trustees consider a project they would like to target for an application for funding.

Resolution 2023-03: Authorization of Legal Action to Address Public Health Concern

Andy Bushman moved to approve Resolution 2023-03, a resolution authorizing legal counsel to pursue action for the removal of any junk vehicle and eliminate the junk and unkempt property conditions located at 11111 Elk Run, in the interest of public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity or general welfare. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion; with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (The Resolution, in its entirety, is included on a separate page of the minutes.)

Resolution 2023-04: Speed Limit Reduction in Residential Subdivision

Andy Bushman moved to approve Resolution 2023-04, a resolution reducing the Prima Facie speed limit in the residential subdivision that includes Holden Ridge Road and Autumn Ridge Drive, pursuant to 4511.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion; with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (The Resolution, in its entirety, is included on a separate page of the minutes.) Chair McMullen stated that she would follow up with a letter to the County Engineers office.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution 2023-05: Fund Transfer

Andy Bushman moved to approve Resolution 2023-05, a resolution authorizing a transfer of funds within the General Fund. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion; with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (The Resolution, in its entirety, is included on a separate page of the minutes.)

Other Meetings

No outside meetings reported.

Public Comment

Resident Rich Ferlin suggested that once the surveillance camera is installed, the Township might attach a link to the camera feed to the Township website.

Resident Glen Kinter offered a comment noting that the Trustees do not typically field questions during public comment, and he wonders why.

Chair McMullen offered a reminder that the purpose of the Public Comment section of the Trustees meeting agenda is to allow public input, so that residents have an opportunity for direct comment to the Board. Residents can reach out to elected officials outside of meetings to get information or discuss an issue.

Mr. Kinter also commented that the Township might offer a paper-shredding service as part of Community Clean-up Day. He also suggested that Trustees consider a mobile traffic speed-enforcement camera as a way to encourage slower, safer driving on Township roads.

Resident Joe Bastulli commented that he has noted reports of some public angst directed at NOACA, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, but he thought the Township should not overlook it as a potential source for funding for infrastructure projects like roads.

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Encumbrances

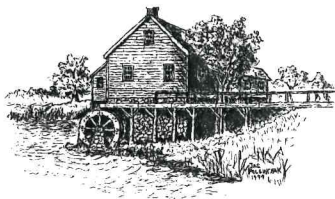
Andy Bushman moved to approve the encumbrances for Tuesday, January 24 as amended. Ms. McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Streamline Technology Group	IT security and support, admin stations	\$200.00
Streamline Technology Group	Laptop and tech set-up	\$1,000.00

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Bushman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Ms. McMullen seconded; motion carried with a unanimous vote.

June H. McMullen Chairman Todd R. Ray Fiscal Officer



A Resolution of the Munson Township Trustees No. 2023-03

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO PURSUE ACTION FOR THE
REMOVAL OF ANY JUNK VEHICLE AND ELIMINATE THE JUNK AND UNKEMPT PROPERTY
CONDITIONS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE,
COMFORT, PROSPERITY, OR GENERAL WELFARE PER RC 519.03(A)**

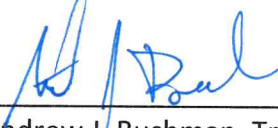

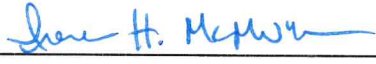



WHEREAS, the Munson Township Board of Trustees have declared that the outdoor storage of any junk vehicle and unkempt property conditions located at 11111 Elk Run, Chardon, Ohio is a direct violation of Section 516.3 of the Munson Township Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Munson Township Board of Trustees seeks to abate the outdoor storage of any junk vehicles, and the unsafe property conditions specifically the grass and driveway/parking areas strewn with junk that may harbor unwanted pests which may become a public health nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Munson Township Board of Trustees seeks to authorize Munson Township's Legal Counsel, Susan Wieland, as the person responsible for taking legal action to resolve the above issues in the interest of the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare of the community per RC 519.03(A);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Munson Township Board of Trustees in accordance with the above-mentioned determinations seeks to abate the outdoor storage of any junk vehicle and unkempt property conditions specifically the grass and driveway/parking areas strewn with junk at 11111 Elk Run, Chardon, Ohio and authorizes the Township's legal counsel, Susan Wieland to take legal action to resolve the above issues per RC 519.03(A).

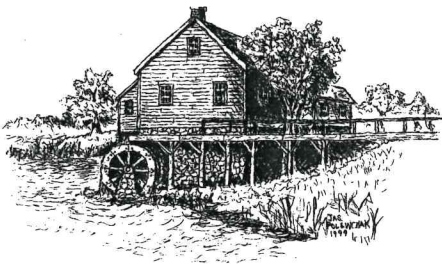
Approved this 24th day of January 2023, by the Munson Township Board of Trustees, voting

 _____ Andrew J. Bushman, Trustee	 _____ Irene H. McMullen, Trustee
 _____ James J. McCaskey, Trustee	 _____ James J. McCaskey, Trustee
 _____ James J. McCaskey, Trustee	 _____ James J. McCaskey, Trustee

Attest: 

Todd R. Ray, Fiscal Officer

January 24, 2023



Munson Township Board of Trustees Resolution No. 2023-04

RESOLUTION REDUCING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED IN A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO §4511.21 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, the Munson Township Board of Trustees is of the belief that the statutory speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph) is greater than is reasonable and safe for Holden Ridge and Autumn Ridge; and

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit is unrealistic.

WHEREAS, §4511.21 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Board of Trustees to declare a safe and reasonable prima facie speed limit in residential subdivisions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Munson Township Board of Trustees that the Board hereby declares that a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit for Holden Ridge and Autumn Ridge shall be 25 mph;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that standard signs, properly posted and giving notice of the prima facie speed limit of 25 mph shall be erected; this Resolution shall become effective once said signs are erected.


Adopted this 24th day of January 2023.


Voting thereon:

Vote: Yea or Nay


Andrew J. Bushman, Trustee



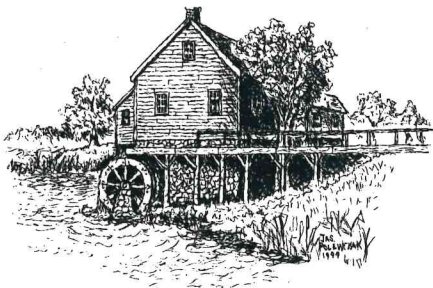

James J. McCaskey, Trustee


Irene H. McMullen, Trustee



I certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Munson Township, Geauga County, at its January 24, 2023 meeting.


Todd R. Ray, Fiscal Officer



Munson Township

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Resolution 2023-05

Be it resolved by the Trustees of Munson Township, in a regular session on the 24th day of January, with the following members present, Irene H. McMullen, and Andrew J. Bushman, that

Andrew Bushman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

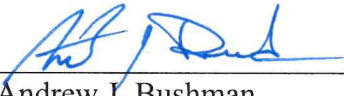
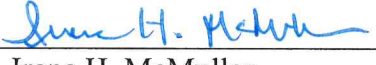
That the 2023 Permanent Appropriation be amended, as follows:

Transfers Within Funds

In the General Fund, a within fund transfer, as follows:

\$1,000.00 to 1000-130-430-0000 Small tools and minor equipment, zoning
\$750.00 from 1000-130-599-0000 Other, other expenses, zoning
and \$250.00 from 1000-130-349-0000 Other communications, printing, zoning

Irene McMullen seconded the motion and the roll being called, resulted as follows:

<u></u>	Voting
Andrew J. Bushman	<u>yes</u>
<u>absent</u>	
James J. McCaskey	
<u></u>	<u>yes</u>
Irene H. McMullen	

Attest: , January 24, 2023
Todd Ray, Fiscal Officer