

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

Tuesday, July 9,

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REGULAR MEETING

The Trustees Regular meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chairman Andy Bushman. Mr. Bushman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Trustees signed warrants 20232 through 20263 dated 7/09/24, totaling \$108,185.91; the 6/30/24 monthly payroll EFT vouchers 233 through 235 totaling \$6,841.34, the monthly Trustees June payroll EFT vouchers 252 through 254 totaling \$2,926.69, and the 7/05/2024 bi-weekly payroll EFT vouchers 238 through 245 totaling \$9,857.02.

Chair Andy Bushman opened the Public Hearing on the Plan of Operation and Governance for NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program. A representative of NOPEC addressed the Board and those in attendance, providing an explanation of how the proposed amendment to the program would allow resident participants in NOPEC aggregation pricing to have greater flexibility to choose to opt-out and opt-in on preferred pricing for natural gas, as they do with electricity service.

Mr. Bushman asked for public comment, and received none.

Jim McCaskey moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:38pm. Nate McDonald seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve the minutes of Trustees Regular meeting Tuesday June 11 as presented. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Mike Vatty reported that the Fire Department sent the aerial (bucket) truck to participate in the Chester Fourth of July parade. He shared with the Board that Battalion Chief Caleb Ferroni received a letter of praise and gratitude for his shift crew from the family of residents of Munson. The team had responded to an anaphylaxis medical emergency, providing life-saving resuscitation of a patient. BC Ferroni prepared formal Letters of Commendation for shift members Nicholas Tingley, Louis Danku, and Joseph Wilkinson.

Chief Vatty also reported that Munson Fire received praise from other township departments that responded to the tragic car crash and structure fire incident that occurred near the intersection of Mayfield Road and Bass Lake Road over the weekend. Battalion Chief Brian Gray was named for his excellent work establishing excellent incident command for a complex emergency response situation.

ROAD DEPARTMENT2025 Road Projects

Road Superintendent Kirk Walker reported that he was still working on his list of recommended roads for repaving in the next budget cycle.

He provided an update on the situation on Hillcrest Dr., noting that the violation had been resolved as the fence had been removed and the property was in compliance with road right-of-way requirements.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESSBaseball Field maintenance

Road Superintendent Kirk Walker informed the Board that he had received two proposals for off-season maintenance of the ballfields, from July through October. The quotes were \$65/ballfield and \$135/ballfield for each treatment with a rake/drag, with the cost difference attributed to the kind of drag used. The more expensive quote involved a more sophisticated drag. The Trustees discussed whether the fields would be dragged weekly, or on an as-needed basis. They agreed that a cost-sharing arrangement should be settled between the teams using the field and the Township before a contract is approved.

Ballfield Lease Agreement

Andy Bushman reported that he had not yet been able to set up a meeting with Chardon Athletic Director Doug Snyder to discuss the lease agreement, but was still trying. He said he would also talk with representatives of the recreational teams using the ballfields this summer and fall.

Resolution 2024-26: NOPEC Plan of Operations *Bjgn*

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve Resolution 2024-26, the NOPEC Gas Aggregation Opt-Out Plan. Mr. McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Disc Golf Course at Nero Nature Preserve Mr. McCaskey moved to approve the purchase of the package of disc golf baskets recommended by the Munson Park Board: Innova Pro28 for a nine-hole layout, up to \$4,500. Nate McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Army Corp permit application

Mr. McCaskey moved to authorize Todd Ray to submit an application to the Army Corp of Engineers for a permit to fill a small area 0.07 ac. of wetland. Nate McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. The fill area south of the Scenic River parking area contains a stand of invasive phragmites and will allow the mowing and management of the phragmites.

Park Board Resignation

Mr. McCaskey moved to accept the resignation of Glenn Kinter from the Munson Township Park Board. Nate McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chair Bushman noted that the Township has posted invitations to residents to apply for Park Board membership in local newspapers and on the website.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution 2024-27: Budget Approval

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve Resolution 2024-27, the 2025 Tax Budget, with total expenditures of all Funds in the amount of \$5,850,863. Nate McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Levy Renewals

Resolution 2024-28 – Resolution of Necessity – Renewal of .65 Mill Fire Levy

Resolution 2024-28 was moved by Jim McCaskey and seconded by Nate McDonald to request the County Board of Elections to place the renewal of an existing 0.65 mill fire levy on the November 5, 2024, ballot, to be levied in tax year 2024 and collected in 2025, for a continuing period of time. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. [The resolution in its entirety is included on a separate page as part of the minutes.]

Resolution 2024-29 – Resolution of Necessity – Renewal of 1.75 Mill Fire Levy (one year early)

Resolution 2024-29 was moved by Nate McDonald and seconded by Jim McCaskey to request the County Board of Elections to place the renewal of an existing 1.75 mill fire levy on the November 5, 2024, ballot, to be levied in tax year 2025 and collected in 2026, for a continuing period of time. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. [The resolution in its entirety is included on a separate page as part of the minutes.]

Other Business

Nate McDonald updated the Board on the Croation Lodge Stream Restoration Project. He reported that a committee had met to evaluate the three bid proposals that had been received. A ranking process was used to identify a top choice vendor. There were a few items in the proposal that are being reviewed for clarification. Once the questions are resolved, a contract would be prepared for the Munson Board of Trustees to approve. He asked that the contract approval be addressed at the Special meeting July 16. Mr. McCaskey moved to approve addition of the Croation Lodge Stream Restoration Project contract as a topic for the Special Meeting July 16. Nate McDonald seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

No one in attendance offered public comment.

Encumbrances

Jim McCaskey moved to approve the encumbrances for Tuesday, July 9 as presented. Nate McDonald seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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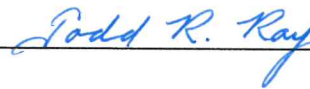
Greater Cleveland Partnership	Membership renewal	\$600.00
Auditor of State Keith Faber	Local audit fees	\$49.20
News Herald	additional needed for 26 week subscription	\$518.10
CitiCards	Home Depot: pressure washer	\$3,875.00
Blanket	Other Communications, Printing and advert	\$ 618.70
Blanket	Travel and meeting expenses	\$ 314.16
Chardon Postmaster	Bulk rate picnic postcards	\$ 900.00
Blanket	Postage, zoning	\$ 652.31

Motion to Adjourn

Jim McCaskey moved and Nate McDonald seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm; with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer

TOWNSHIP OF MUNSON, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2024-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees previously enacted legislation authorizing the Township of MUNSON, OH (the “Township”) to establish an “opt-out” Gas Aggregation Program pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code (the “Opt-Out Gas Aggregation Program”), for the eligible residents, businesses and other gas consumers in the Township, and for that purpose, to act jointly with any other municipal corporation, or political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as permitted by law;

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees previously enacted legislation authorizing the Township to join the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Board of Trustees (NOPEC), and to execute a Natural Gas Program Agreement, so that the Township would be able to act jointly with other member political subdivisions and thereby maximize the potential benefits of gas deregulation through group purchasing efforts;

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees has enacted legislation establishing an “opt-in” natural gas aggregation program pursuant to Section 4927(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code, (the “Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program”) for the eligible residents, business and other consumers located within the Township, and to conduct the Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of this Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 4929.27(B), Ohio Revised Code, two (2) public hearings have been held on the Plan of Operation and Governance for the NOPEC Opt-Out and Opt-In Natural Gas Aggregation Program (collectively, the “NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MUNSON, GEAUGA COUNTY AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Township, including the gas consumers located within the Township, to adopt the Plan of Operation and Governance of the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program, for the purpose of establishing and implementing the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program in the Township.

SECTION 2. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

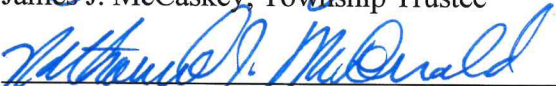
DATED ADOPTED: July 9, 2024



Andrew J. Bushman, Chair of Board of Trustees



James J. McCaskey, Township Trustee



Nathaniel J. McDonald, Township Trustee

ATTEST:
this 9 day of July, 2024



Todd R. Ray, Township Fiscal Officer