

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment 2021-01 was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Andy Bushman, with Trustees Irene McMullen and Jim McCaskey and Fiscal Officer Todd Ray present. The meeting was also accessible via Zoom electronic teleconference, and three participants logged into the meeting virtually. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Andy Bushman noted that the legal notice was published Thursday, April 29, 2021, in the *Geauga County Maple Leaf*, and that the text of Zoning Amendment 2021-01 was available for public review April 29 through May 11, 2021. Trustee Jim McCaskey moved to waive the reading of the legal notice. Irene McMullen seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. McCaskey read aloud the amendment. Ms. McMullen read aloud the recommendations of the Munson Zoning Commission, and Mr. McCaskey read aloud the recommendations of the Geauga Planning Commission. Mr. McCaskey moved to accept the recommendations. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Chair Bushman asked for discussion and comment. Mr. Alejandro Cortez, representing University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center, offered a brief explanation for why the amendment was appropriate and stated that it was in alignment with the designated land use identified for the affected parcels in the Munson Township Long Range Land Use Plan. He indicated that UHGMC would like the amendment to be approved as they may make applications for zoning certificates for various development activity on the medical campus, and the amendment will make the process more efficient. He presented maps showing the affected parcels.

Chair Bushman called for any public comment. Bill and Dorothy Bauer, Ravenna Rd. residents whose property abuts the parcels affected by the amendment, offered several comments opposing the amendment. They stated concerns about negative impact on their property value resulting from the current expansion and development activity of UHGMC. They were unaware of the Land Use Plan when they purchased their property, nor did they anticipate that neighboring properties in the residential district might be changed to medical use. They stated that the lights and traffic related to the parking lot next to their property is a nuisance. Mr. Cortez pointed out that UH was not involved, and had no input, in the creation of the Land Use Plan. Dr. Don DeCarlo, President of UHGMC, was present, and responded to the Bauers' concerns. He pointed out that UH must contend with zoning requirements of both Munson and Claridon Townships, because the campus has property that straddles the township line, and UH's goal is to develop the medical campus responsibly, and intends to comply with the communities' zoning, and be good neighbors. No other residents in attendance asked to comment.

Trustee McCaskey moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:07 pm. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bushman noted that the Trustees Regular meeting session was open at 6:07.

Chairman Andy Bushman stated that the Board has warrants to sign. Trustees signed warrants 17989 -18012 dated 5/11/2021, totaling \$36,822.17, warrant 18013 dated 5/12/2021, totaling \$44,671.00, and the May 14, 2021 bi-weekly payroll EFT vouchers 116 through 123, totaling \$9,491.87.

Jim McCaskey moved to approve the minutes for the Trustees Regular meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as presented. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Resolution 2021-13

Jim McCaskey made a statement acknowledging the concerns of the residents who spoke in the public hearing. Mr. McCaskey moved to approve Resolution 2021-13, adoption of the recommendations of the Munson Township Zoning Commission, and adoption of Zoning Amendment 2021-01. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. [The resolution in its entirety is included on a separate page as part of the minutes.]

Public Comment

Chair Andy Bushman called for any public comment from meeting attendees. No participants responded to offer comments.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Vatty addressed the Board via Zoom. He informed the Board that Munson Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant in partnership with some other local county entities that will allow Munson Fire to replace radios. The radio package is worth approximately \$130,000.00, with Munson Fire responsible for a local match of ten percent of that cost. Chief Vatty noted that the Fire Department must have approval from the Board of Trustees to enter into the agreement and incur the \$13,000.00 expense.

Jim McCaskey moved to authorize the Fire Department to enter into the FEMA radio grant agreement with Geauga County the partners, at an expense not-to-exceed \$13,000.00. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Assistant Chief Gray updated the Board on the tanker/pumper truck purchase. Mr. Gray stated that the final purchase agreement had been signed, in the amount of \$355,212.00, the truck order is in, and a down payment was made.

Assistant Fire Chief Brian Gray noted that the new squad, ordered in December 2020, was now two months out on being built, as a group of orders for ambulances arrived just ahead of Munson’s order, and so the squad had not entered production yet.

Chief Vatty shared with the Board that the Fire Department had been collaborating with the Road Department on installing some new dry hydrants, and they were enjoying a high level of cooperation.

Road Department

Road Superintendent Kirk Walker noted that Community Trash Day went smoothly on Saturday, with five 40-yard containers of trash hauled away, two containers of scrap metal, and 1 container of junk tires. He thanked the Fire Department for delivering fresh coffee to the crew, and the Township for supplying lunch after the work ended.

Jim McCaskey moved to accept the recommendation of the Geauga County Engineer and award the contract for paving three Munson Township Roads to Perk Company, Inc. in the amount of \$194,435. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve Resolution 2021-14, a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Falls Rd. and Quartermare Circle to 25 MPH. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. McCaskey asked Mr. Walker to consult with the engineer’s office regarding placement of speed limit signs on these roads.

Mr. McCaskey moved to initiate a speed study and due diligence to consider reducing the speed limit on Tall Pines Rd. and Pinehurst to 25 MPH. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Diesel Truck Grant

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve the purchase of an International truck 2022 HV507 from Cerni Motors Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$81,252.23. Ms. McMullen seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. The purchase of the new diesel truck to be submitted for the Ohio EPA Diesel Mitigation grant.

Mr. McCaskey moved to approve the purchase of Snow and Ice Control Truck Equipment package from Henderson Products, Inc., in the amount of \$66,739. Ms. McMullen seconded

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the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried. The purchase of the equipment package for the truck will also be submitted for the Ohio EPA Diesel Mitigation grant.

Fiscal officer Todd Ray informed the Trustees that, due to the reduction in the purchase price for the truck, and savings from the purchase of the wheel loader earlier in the year, there are sufficient appropriations to cover the cost of the new truck, and no fund transfer is necessary to cover the expense.

Other Business

Mr. Bushman informed the Board that the Munson Park Board is beginning plans for a pickleball court to be installed at Munson Township Park, with preliminary estimates around \$35,000.

Outside meetings

Jim McCaskey attended the Planning Commission meeting earlier in the day.

Public Comment

Mr. Bushman asked for public comment. No one attending the meeting responded to offer comment.

ENCUMBRANCES :

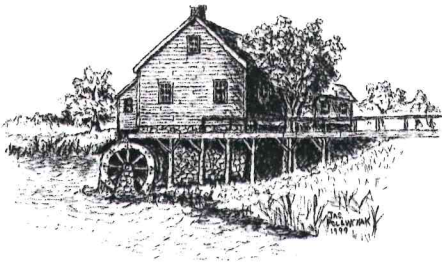
Jim McCaskey moved to approve the encumbrance sheet as written. Irene McMullen seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Spectrum/Time Warner Cable-Northeast	Road Department internet service	\$585.00
Blanket	Other- dues and fees, Administration	\$566.21
Geauga Dept. of Water Resources	Water test fees, Munson twp. park	\$50.00
Blanket	Other- dues and fees, Parks	\$200.00
Blanket	Other- Communications, advert. Admin.	\$531.30
Cerni Motor Sales Inc.	Diesel Grant International truck	\$81,252.23
Henderson Products, Inc.	Snow and Ice Control package	\$66,739.00
COSE Medical Mutual	Medical/Hospitalization, Administration	\$26,830.00
Centerra	Fuel and supplies	\$2,000.00
	Fuel and supplies	\$8,000.00
The Illuminating Co.	Electricity, parks	\$650.00

MEETING ADJOURNED

Jim McCaskey moved and Irene McMullen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

 Chairman  Fiscal Officer



Munson Township Board of Trustees Resolution No. 2021-13

ZONING AMENDMENT 2021-01 ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF ZONING COMMISSION BY BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES R.C. 519.12 (H)

The Munson Township Board of Township Trustees, Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 11th day of May 2021, with the following members present:

Andrew J. Bushman
James J. McCaskey
Irene H. McMullen

Jim McCaskey moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of April 2021, the Board of Township Trustees received a recommendation from the township Zoning Commission on a proposed amendment, identified as number 2021-01, to the Munson Township Zoning Resolution together with the motion, text, map and recommendation of the county Planning Commission relating thereto; and


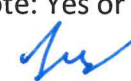
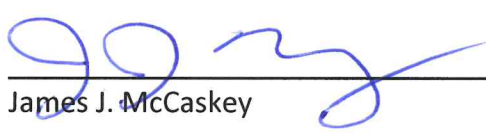
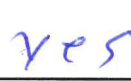
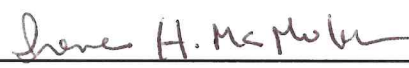

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of May 2021, the Board of Township Trustees conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment as provided by law; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Munson Township Board of Township Trustees, Geauga County, Ohio this 11th day of May 2021, hereby adopts the recommendations of the township Zoning Commission as attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Munson Township Board of Township Trustees, Geauga County, Ohio, this 11th day of May, 2021, hereby adopts an amendment to the Munson Township Zoning Resolution as set forth in the text attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 and incorporated herein.

Irene McMullen seconded the motion and the roll being called the vote of the Munson Township Board of Township Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Vote: Yes or No
 _____ Andrew J. Bushman	 _____ No
 _____ James J. McCaskey	 _____ yes
 _____ Irene H. McMullen	 _____ yes

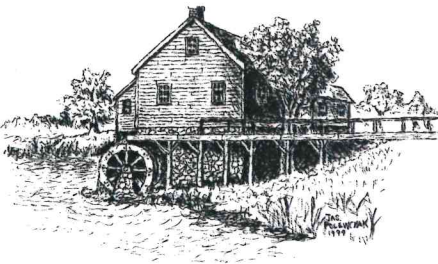
Adopted this 11th day of May 2021.

I certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Munson Township, Geauga County, at its May 11, 2021 meeting.



Todd R. Ray, Fiscal Officer

May 11, 2021



Munson Township Board of Trustees Resolution No. 2021- 14

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 Falls Road and Quartermare Circle; 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 Falls Road and Quartermare Circle 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 11th day of May 2021.

Voting thereon:

Vote: Yea or Nay

Andy Bushman
Andy Bushman, Chair

Yea

Irene McMullen
Irene McMullen, Trustee

yes

Jim McCaskey
Jim McCaskey, Trustee

yes

I certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Munson Township, Geauga County, at its May 11, 2021 meeting.

Todd R. Ray May 11, 2021
Todd R. Ray, Fiscal Officer