

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Tuesday, May 7, 20 24

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Andy Bushman, with Trustees James McCaskey and Nathaniel McDonald and Fiscal Officer Todd Ray present. Mr. Bushman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bushman started by asking if any Trustee would like to open the discussion on spending the remaining funds that the Township received from the American Recovery Plan Act.

Jim McCaskey stated that he feels that land acquisition can be included for discussion in regular session. The Trustees have received the results of a property appraisal for a piece of land adjacent to an existing township park, and he feels that at this point the discussion can include the public.

Nate McDonald agreed that discussing land acquisition in executive session was discretionary and did not have to be conducted in executive session. Andy Bushman stated that it is recommended that it be discussed in executive session, but not required.

Mr. McCaskey said the parcel of land, or a portion of it, is a unique opportunity available because the ARPA funds are available, and should at least be included for consideration along with other proposed targets for spending.

Trustee Nate McDonald stated that land purchase was a big-ticket item with high value in the long term, but would compete with short term and more pressing needs like road resurfacing projects. Andy Bushman agreed that the roads present the greatest need in the short run. He pointed out that park land would not benefit some residents who never use the parks.

Fiscal Officer Todd Ray noted that park land has an enduring value and the benefit will be available for future generations of residents who have not even been born yet, while some newly repaved roads will never be driven on by many residents, yet the Township has an obligation and must maintain them.

Andy Bushman suggested that Trustees could place a ballot issue before the voters to approve funding for the possible land acquisition and let the voters decide. Residents present at the meeting supported this idea, and the Trustees discussed that option.

The Trustees also discussed options for upgrading/updating some emergency medical equipment, a possible third new truck for the Road Department, and some ideas for providing flush toilet facilities accessible to the public on the Town Hall property during the baseball season.

The Trustees decided to go into executive session to discuss the options for negotiating with the landowner. Jim McCaskey moved and Nate McDonald seconded to enter into executive session at 7:37pm to discuss land acquisition and to include Fiscal Officer Ray. Roll call vote: Mr. McDonald, "yes." Mr. McCaskey, "yes." Mr. Bushman, "yes." Motion carried.

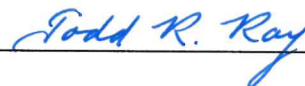
The Trustees resumed regular session at 8:02pm

Motion to Adjourn

Jim McCaskey moved and Nate McDonald seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm; with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer