

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Tuesday, November 21, 20 23

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chair Irene McMullen, with Trustees Jim McCaskey and Andy Bushman and Fiscal Officer Todd Ray present. Ms. McMullen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

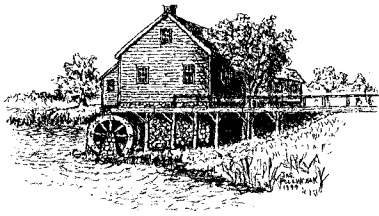
The special meeting was identified for the purpose of addressing a resolution to reduce the collection on one Fire and EMS levy, and a resolution to reallocate the inside millage between the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund.

Andy Bushman moved to rescind Resolution 2023-40, a resolution to reduce collection on Munson Township’s 1.95 mill Fire and EMS levy to 1.23 mill for 2024. Jim McCaskey seconded. Motion carried with a 2-1 vote, with Mr. Bushman voting “no.” The property tax collection will be reduced by a total of \$199,943.00

Jim McCaskey moved to approve Resolution 2023-41, a resolution to authorize the reallocation of inside millage. Andy Bushman seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote, 3 – 0. All three mills of the inside millage will be distributed to the General Fund.

Jim McCaskey moved to adjourn the Special meeting at 9:05am. Andy Bushman seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Irene H. McMullen Chairman Todd R. Ray Fiscal Officer



Munson Township

Resolution 2023-40

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE COLLECTION OF MUNSON TOWNSHIP'S 1.95 MILL FIRE AND E.M.S. LEVY TO 1.23 MILL FOR 2024 ONLY

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Munson Township ("the Township"), in a special meeting on this day of November 21, 2023 at the Munson Town Hall, with the following members present:

Irene McMullen

Jim McCaskey

Andy Bushman

Andrew Bushman moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution provides for real property to be taxed without a vote of the people up to 10 mills which is commonly referred to as inside millage and effects every property owner in Geauga County, and within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the mandated 2023 reappraisal, as approved by the Ohio Tax Commissioner, has specifically resulted in an unprecedented average increase in Residential real estate valuation in Munson Township of 32.8 percent and 27.3 percent for Agricultural property which will cause inside millage tax to increase proportionately; and

WHEREAS, this will create an unvoted windfall of tax revenue to the political subdivisions that collect inside millage tax; and

WHEREAS, when it comes to inside millage taxes collected within Geauga County, schools receive 45% of inside millage, townships and municipalities receive 30% of inside millage, and the county receives 25% of inside millage; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to mitigate this significant unvoted tax increase and provide property tax relief to property owners within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Budget Commission has recommended that townships can consider offsetting the unexpected inside millage tax increase and provide tax relief to taxpayers by reducing collection of existing, voter approved township levies;

WHEREAS, townships may choose to use the inside millage increase to supplement funding for any affected township department(s) out of the general fund where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township currently collects a 1.95 mill Fire and E.M.S. tax levy most recently approved by voters during the general election held on November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, said levy provides funding for the operation of the Township for providing and maintaining fire apparatus, rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites thereof, and the under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, of other emergency

medical services operated by the fire department of firefighting company, of for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to reduce collection by 0.72 mill of this 1.95 mill levy for collection of 2023 taxes which are payable in 2024 for said levy, which would therefore reduce the stated rate to 1.23 mill; and

WHEREAS, one year of reduced collection of the 1.95 mill tax levy for Fire and E.M.S. last approved at the general election on November 3, 2020, will provide Township property owners with \$199,943.00 in property tax relief and serve to approximately offset the Township's increased inside millage; and

WHEREAS, the Township only seeks to reduce the collection of this levy during collection year 2024; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Munson Township, Geauga County, Ohio hereby authorizes the reduction of the collection of the 1.95 mill Fire and E.M.S. levy by 0.72 mill, therefore reducing the stated rate to 1.23 mill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township only seeks to reduce the collection of this levy during collection year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Fiscal Officer is authorized and instructed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Auditor's Office to ensure the accuracy of relevant tax rates and values for the 2024 tax collection period.

James McCaskey seconded the motion. Upon call of the question, the vote was as follows:

Voting thereon:	Vote:
<u>Irene McMullen</u> Trustee Irene McMullen	<u>yes</u>
<u>Jim McCaskey</u> Trustee Jim McCaskey	<u>yes</u>
<u>Andy Bushman</u> Trustee Andy Bushman	<u>No</u>

Adopted the 21st day of November, 2023

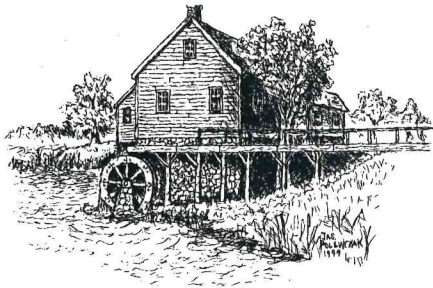
Munson Township, Geauga County, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Geauga County, ss.

I, Todd Ray, Fiscal Officer of Munson Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said township; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 21st day of November, 2023

Todd R. Ray
Fiscal Officer



Munson Township

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Resolution 2023-41


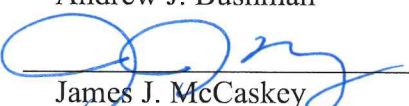

Be it resolved by the Trustees of Munson Township, in a regular session on the 21st day of November, with the following members present, Irene H. McMullen, James J. McCaskey, and Andrew J. Bushman, that

James McCaskey moved the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Munson Township Board of Trustees authorize the reallocation of the inside millage funds as follows:

Shift of Inside millage	From	To
General Fund Inside Millage	2	3.00
Road and Bridge Inside Millage	1	0.00

Andrew Bushman seconded the motion and the roll being called, resulted as follows:

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

Attest: , November 21, 2023
Todd Ray, Fiscal Officer