

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MUNSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held _____ Wednesday, September 21, _____ 20 _____ 16 _____

The special meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Jim McCaskey with Trustees Andy Bushman and Irene McMullen and Fiscal Officer Judy Toth present. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Trustees signed warrants 14438-14447 dated 9/21/16 totaling \$5,270.80 and EFT Vouchers 780-790 for the 9/23/16 monthly payroll totaling \$11,494.72.

FOWLERS MILL ROAD PROJECT

Shane Hajjar from the county engineer's office and several residents were present to discuss the improvement of Fowlers Mill Road between Wilson Mills and Mulberry Road. Mr. McCaskey advised that the Trustees were at a point to make a decision that evening and thanked the residents for their letters and involvement. Road Superintendent Jim Teichman made four cuts along the width of the road in various locations. He described the layers, and explained that the asphalt planer went through the cuts easily, an indication that the base was deteriorating. Mr. Hajjar said that the county's observations were from the surface. He explained why the base was inadequate and spoke about the layers of base and their condition. Some stretches are flatter and sunnier, and while the middle was still good, the edges were showing signs of deterioration. In the north portion, the tree cover was heavier and the road showed more signs of deterioration. He explained how road quality was calculated and recommended reconstruction as the most cost effective alternative, though not the least costly. If the Township decided to go in a different direction, the road could last or it could go quickly. McCaskey advised that 22 feet is the narrowest that the road can be made and still make it safe. Fowlers Mill Road was not built for the traffic we have today. If a school bus and truck pass, one has to go off to the side. A resident expressed opposition to making the road one way. Another observed that a truck parked near his house was passed by a garbage truck, semi, and school bus with no problem, and advised that sixteen of the residents who live on the road are opposed to the project. A resident in favor of widening the road described how she was nearly struck by an oncoming vehicle. Another told about a car that went off the road and into the ditch the day before. A resident advised that he removed his fence and kept replacement mailboxes as did his neighbor. The Trustees were asked if there was a weight limit for the road, and explained that it was regulated by the state. The road was last asphalt resurfaced in 2002. The Trustees were asked what the cost would be for maintaining the existing road as opposed to the larger cost of reconstruction, and what it had cost to maintain the road in the past. A resident pointed out that the subsurface appeared to be fine, that there were no dips, and the road has not been paved frequently. Residents asked if the Trustees had considered an alternate plan and if they had read all of the letters from the residents opposed to the project. They feared that traffic would increase and more heavy vehicles would use the road. Asked if residents would be assessed for the cost of the improvement, the Trustees advised that the cost would be paid from road levy funds. Mr. Bushman was opposed to the project. He said the Township could not afford the cost even with the state aid money and was concerned about the impact on the neighborhood. Using Nollwood as a divide, he said the two major concerns were being addressed, drainage and trees in the road right-of-way. The road department was in the process of addressing the drainage south of Nollwood. Drainage to the north of Nollwood was not an issue and several of the trees have already been removed. He suggested that the Township resurface the road and add berm where possible. This would address most of the needs, traffic speed would not substantially increase, and the Township would not expend money it could not afford. Mr. Hajjar advised that the current minimum standard for new roads is 22 feet. Fowlers Mill Road, a through road, is 18 feet wide, and is inadequate to handle public traffic safely. The school bus has been observed to go 2 feet left of center to let children off the bus, so that they did not have to exit into the ditch. When he designed the road, he had looked for ways to reduce the impact on the neighborhood. The Trustees were asked if they had read the impact report prepared by resident Allen Muhic. A resident feared that the road would become a cut through, and described the impact it would have on the neighborhood. Most of the trees that were a problem have been taken down, with the exception of those on the Oppenheim and Muhic properties. Mr. Bushman was concerned that the Township would not have sufficient funds to cover the expense in 2017, and Mr. McCaskey advised that construction did not have to begin until 2018.

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FOWLERS MILL ROAD PROJECT (continued)

Mrs. McMullen moved and Mr. McCaskey seconded that the Township continue to apply for Issue 1 money and continue to work with the residents to address any remaining concerns regarding the plan. Roll call vote: Mrs. McMullen, yes; Mr. Bushman, no; Mr. McCaskey, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hajjar told the Trustees that if they proceeded with the application for the grant and withdrew, the county would lose the funding. He asked the Board to publicly state its intention. The discussion concluded at 7:25pm.

MINUTES

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve the August 9, 2016 minutes, as written, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve the August 23, 2016 minutes, as written, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve the August 30, 2016 minutes, as written, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve the September 13, 2016 minutes, as written, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

CLEVELAND APA ZONING WORKSHOP

The Trustees addressed a request for funds for Zoning Commission members to attend the APA Zoning Workshop in Mayfield Heights on November 4, 2016 at a cost of \$110 per person. Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to approve zoning training up to \$550, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried. The Board of Zoning Appeals will also be notified about the workshop.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the community room for Cub Scout meetings (Mosher) October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, and December 1, 8, 2016, at 7pm, approx. 10, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the community room for Girl Scout meetings (Carbone) November 29, December 13, 2016 and January 10, 2017, approx. 17, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MEETING ROOM RENTAL

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the meeting room for a 5th Grade Girl Scout meeting (Ricketts) on December 18, 2016 from 3-5pm, approx. 10, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

PAVILION RENTAL

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to lease the Emmons pavilion for a Chardon Baseball Team meeting (Rivera) September 24, 2016 at noon, approx. 24, and to waive the fees, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

CPIM CERTIFICATION

Mrs. Toth advised she completed her required six hours of Ohio Treasurer's CPIM training by taking online courses. The training is required because the Township has a GNMA investment.

ENCUMBRANCE SHEET

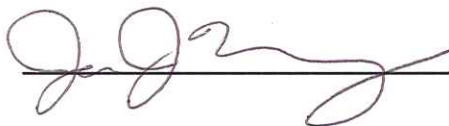
Andy Bushman moved Irene McMullen seconded to approve the encumbrances for September 21, 2016, as written:

Machinery, Equip., & Furniture	Super Blanket (SCBA Grant)	80,000.00
Other Expenses Santa Breakfast	Blanket to 12/31/16	800.00
James A. Teichman	Medicare Premium Reimbursement	340.00

with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Andy Bushman moved and Irene McMullen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, with a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

 Chairman

 Fiscal Officer