

**Munson Township
Zoning Commission
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
Minutes of December 13, 2010**

Chairman Ron Atkinson called the public hearing to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were: Lenore Pikus, Jim Tekavec, Dennis Wynne, Zoning Inspector Tim Kearns, and Secretary Paula Friebertshouser. Dennis Medica was absent.

Jim Tekavec moved and Dennis Wynne seconded to continue the public hearing for amendment 2010-06 to January 17, 2011. Motion carried.

The regular meeting then began. Dennis Wynne moved to adopt the minutes of November 15, 2010 as written. Lenore Pikus seconded, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –Zoning Bulletin Issues: 10/25, 11/10, and 11/25. Email from Mr. Dietrich of the Geauga County Planning Commission dated 12/10 re: Munson Township Wind Turbine Amendment.

OBJECTIVES

Wind Energy Systems – Members discussed comments from Mr. Dietrich. Will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Solar – Will discuss at next meeting.

Definitions – In progress.

ZONING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Kearns discussed an article in the Zoning Bulletin November 25th issue regarding outdoor wood burners. He informed members that he had received a complaint about an outdoor burner where the owner was burning rubbish and the odor bothered the neighbors. Chief Harchar also discussed with Mr. Kearns that he would like the Zoning Commission to look into this. He would like the setback to be 35 feet from the home which would be safe, but the smoke would be by the owner instead of the neighbors. Mr. Kearns also mentioned internet cafes. Mr. Atkinson agreed to revisit these issues in the future.

When asked about the nursing home, Mr. Kearns explained that with the passing of the new zoning, it messed up their plans as far as the setback, and then the EPA and Geauga Soil & Water permits expired. Mr. Kearns explained the developer is discouraged and it is rumored they are looking at a piece of property in Russell. Mr. Kearns saw on the internet that Heather Hill transferred the property to Heather Hill. There was some discussion regarding taxes. Mr. Atkinson commented that the nursing home had plenty of time to get their paperwork in prior to the zoning change. Mr. Kearns explained that shortly after the first meeting, Burton Health Care sued them because there were too many openings in Geauga County to bring a new nursing

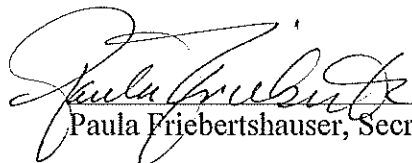
home in. The lawsuit has been dropped. Also, the engineering company went through what they had to do and in the mean time all the permits expired. Mr. Atkinson said they were very clear with the developer in regards to the zoning changes.

Mr. Atkinson questioned Mr. Kearns as to the status from the commissioners on the old jail site. The commissioners had suggested the Trustees could change the zoning. Trustees sent a letter back suggesting they go through the Board of Zoning Appeals process. Mr. Kearns explained there are two lots that need to be combined. Mr. Kearns distributed the November Zoning Certificate listing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The next scheduled meeting is January 17, 2011 at 7pm.



Ron Atkinson, Chairman



Paula Friebertshauer, Secretary