

**Munson Township**  
**Zoning Commission Special Meeting**  
**Minutes of February 12, 2025**

Nicholas Christie called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with Kurtis Taylor, Debbie Roche and alternate Kurt Hoffmann present. Also present was Zoning Inspector James Herringshaw and Secretary Julie Johnston. Glen Peck and Adriano Fiucci were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

New members Debbie Roche (2029) and alternate Kurt Hoffmann (2026) were sworn in.

Points of Discussion

There will be an article in the upcoming newsletter looking for volunteers from the community to assist in the updating of Munson's Land Use Plan, which was last updated in 2003. The township is just starting to explore on how the process will be done. There are many things that happen in the process of updating the Land Use Plan. A resident survey to help direct the volunteer group on what they desire of their community in the future is just one on them. The Geauga County Planning Commission is very involved with the survey and Geauga County is supportive with software, graphs, charts, etc. Choosing the volunteer group structure is what the Trustees will explore at their meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and how different Township Boards can assist in the process. Demographics will also play a big role in the Land Use Plan. The Ohio Revised Code states that a township's Zoning Resolution is based on their Land Use Plan. The last edition the township had fewer properties with conservation easement but now there are many more. Other townships have a Zoning Commission member on their Land Use Plan group.

Zoning Inspector Report

James Herringshaw reviewed the zoning report and talked about the agricultural exemption. As long as at least 51% of the structure is used for agricultural purposes, it can be considered exempt. Mr. Herringshaw likes to have a paper trail since the current owner may sell their property someday and an issue may arise. It is also a good time for the Zoning Inspector to school residents on where it may be a good idea to locate the proposed building.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6pm at Munson Town Hall.

Kurtis Taylor moved and Nicholas Christie seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. Passed Unanimously. Motion carried, 3-0.

  
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Kurtis Taylor, Chair

  
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Julie Johnston, Secretary