

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 22, 2023**

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Special Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Berding at 11:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Chairperson, Michael Berding	Present
Trustee Vice Chairperson, Shannon Hartkemeyer	Present
Trustee, Joe McAbee	Present

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to appoint Dianne French Clerk Pro Tem.
All in favor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO FOR FUTURE ROUNDABOUT #23-113

Resolution authorizing Administrator to execute all necessary documents to transfer property to Butler County, state of Ohio for future roundabout.

Mr. McAbee – How much property are we giving up?

Mr. Goins – We’re going for permanent right-of-way. The gross amount of land is 0.1630 acres. Then there is the public road occupancy which makes up 0.1454 acres of land. Which is a net of 0.0176 acres of land for permanent right-of-way. For temporary easement its 0.0104.

Mr. McAbee - What is the widest point of the roundabout?

Mr. Goins - I don’t have that information at this time. The documents we have now are just right-of-way plans.

Mr. Berding - It’s a one lane roundabout? It’s not a double lane?

Mr. McAbee - The concern would be the entrance to the Township property, the fire station and the park.

Mr. Berding - It looks like the roundabout on Morris would not have an impact on the entrance to our building between our building and the fire department. But there would be an impact on our exit and entrance to Heroes Park on the East side of the building.

Mr. Goins - I think that is restriping and resurfacing there.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - We can still take a lefthand turn there?

Mr. Goins – Yes. I’ll make sure that it doesn’t.

Mr. Berding - It’s a very small portion of land that we’re losing.

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Mr. Goins - The pavement won't be much wider and not too close to the sign.

Mr. McAbee - Are they building any sidewalks?

Mr. Goins - No they are not building any sidewalks.

Mr. McAbee - Is this a 2025 project? How is it being funded?

Mr. Goins – Yes. Funding is an 80/20 split between Federal and local funds. They haven't asked us for any funding.

Mr. McAbee - I'm extremely disappointed that we are setting here with our backs against the wall. They've been working on this for several months. I'm very disappointed. To the point I may vote no which means we would have to vote again in September which I understood was still plenty of time.

Mr. Berding - So for a special meeting it has to be unanimous?

Mr. McAbee - It should be that anytime I'm pretty sure. I found out we were having the meeting and the emails went back and forth. This isn't going to help the school traffic, in fact, I think it will make it worse.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - By way of background there has been extensive conversations between Fairfield City Schools especially Fairfield North and East. The County and Fairfield Township were involved to discuss the traffic issues out there. There was a number of different things talked about; adding lanes and trying to get traffic moved out of there. So, I believe the Butler County Engineers office would have taken that into consideration. Additionally, I think we're all aware of the number of accidents that take place at that intersection. It's also my understanding that the County goes through a process to identify different intersections for problems that those intersections would have. I think this one has finally risen to the occasion to something we can get fixed. I think it's a good thing. Its going to add to add to the safety of Fairfield Township and the safety of people coming through here. One concern I have is that we haven't gotten acceptance from all the residents. I hope that can be worked through. Its an unsafe intersection. Roundabouts typically do slow down traffic.

Mr. McAbee - I agree with that statement. I'm not against roundabouts. Again, the process itself from where I'm setting is very scarce. I agree roundabouts are the way to go. I'm surprised looking at this they're not taking more land.

Mr. Berding - I know we've heard the scuttlebutt about this roundabout going in for 12 months, but these are the first drawings we have of this. Nothing that I've seen as of today concerns me. They are asking very little from us. I want to make sure we have easy access to and from our park and it looks like its only going to be striping. I'm sure if there's any plans for that to be an island that will be discussed with our staff. I definitely think it needs to happen. I agree with Trustee McAbee that it would have been great to have this information a lot sooner. I'm happy moving forward with this.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - I also like the added level of safety that it provides to the park.

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Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. McAbee to adopt Resolution 23-13.
All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, second by Mr. Berding to adjourn at 11:20 AM.
All in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Michael Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee

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