

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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TRUSTEES

Howard Bales
Matt Carpenter
Ralph Benschoter
Larry Liedel

Madison Township Board Meeting Held In-Person and Electronically due to Covid-19 Minutes of December 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gary Griewahn. Silent prayer time was offered. The pledge to the American Flag was said by all.

ROLL CALL:

Present in person: Griewahn, Gregg, Moden, and Liedel and present electronically; Benschoter, Carpenter and Bales.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF November 10, 2020:

Motion by Liedel, supported by Bales, to dispense reading and approve meeting minutes of 11/10/20. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF November 18, 2020:

Motion by Bales, supported by Liedel, to dispense reading and approve special board meeting minutes of 11/18/2020. Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Trustee Carpenter raised the need and made the motion to add the 3% Wage Increase to the Old Business portion of the agenda for this meeting. Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: The Government class from Sand Creek H.S. was in the Zoom audience.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve a consent agenda by Gregg, supported by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Two Minute Dept. Head Highlights: None

FIRE/POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 11/25/2020:

Meeting was held on November 25, 2020 the minutes were read by Liedel. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Liedel, supported by Gregg. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made to purchase IV pumps for the EMS dept at a cost of \$5950.00 by Liedel, supported by Moden. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Liedel, supported by Moden, to place an order with SMEAL for the purchase of a new 100' Tower Truck to replace our current 30-year-old 85' Tower Truck #5 at an approximate cost of \$1.3 million, to be delivered in 2022. This is an intent to purchase but not the final financing type for purchasing on a payment plan and the interest rates will be decided later once the best rates can be researched, contract reviewed, and final price is settled upon. It will be financed starting with the 2022 Budget. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Liedel, supported by Moden, to purchase the Power DMS Policy Mgt. Program for the Police Dept. at a cost of \$4450.00 and an initial accreditation fee of \$1500.00. The accreditation is thru the MI Police Chief's Assoc. and there are sufficient funds in the 2020 budget to cover the cost of this purchase, which will support and manage our compliance of our Law Enforcement policies and training requirements in the future. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Liedel, supported by Griewahn, to approve the purchase of a new Dodge Durango Pursuit with all wheel drive, at a cost of \$33,600., with the total cost including police equipment at \$40,000 or less. This is a purchase identified in the approved 2021 budget. Delivery and payment will take place in 2021. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Comment by Bales that he receives plenty of questions and complaints of why we have police cars setting idle and yet we do not have 24/7 police coverage, he suggested that we might want to find inside storage for their cars if not in use. This brought on a discussion about the Building & Grounds committee investigate the cost to provide that storage in our existing building.

SEWER/WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12/4/2020:

Minutes of the meeting on 12/4/20 were read by Bales. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bales, supported by Liedel. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Bales, supported by Gregg, to increase the water/sewer rates by 2.1% in 2021 in keeping with rising costs. It was noted by Tim Watterson that the committee did not feel that another water/sewer rate study was needed, due to cost of the study at this time, but may be repeated within the next 5 years, to make sure we stay on track with costs. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pay Raises for 2021:

A motion was made by Carpenter, supported by Benschoter, that the across the board pay raises for employees for 2021 were effective on 1/1/21 as approved in the 2021 budget, and that approved increase for the Clerk's wage is also effective then. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Abstained, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-1 Abstained.

Second Reading of Section 2 of Ordinance #45

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2

Section 2 of the Madison Charter Township Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance is hereby amended, in its entirety, to read as follows:

Section 2. Prohibition

Except as otherwise permitted in the Marijuana Operations Overlay District pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, Section 6.1 Madison Charter Township elects to prohibit both medical and recreational marijuana establishments in all other areas within the Township.

Section 2. Saving Provision.

All sections of Ordinance 45, the Madison Charter Township Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance not amended by this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

A motion by Griewahn, seconded by Benschoter, to approve the above changes to Ordinance #45. Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No.

Second Reading of Section 4 of Ordinance #43 - Odor

Section 4. Regulations for Marijuana Operations

All marijuana operations permitted under this ordinance shall be subject to the following regulations:

4.5 Odor: Odor control devices and techniques shall be incorporated in the Premises of all Commercial Cannabis Businesses to ensure that odors from Cannabis are not detectable offsite. Commercial Cannabis Businesses shall provide a sufficient odor absorbing ventilation and exhaust system so that odor generated inside the Commercial Cannabis Business that is distinctive to its Operation is not detected outside of the Premises, anywhere on adjacent property or public rights-of-way, on or about the exterior or interior common area walkways, hallways, breezeways, foyer, lobby areas, or any other areas available for use by common tenants or the visiting public, or within any other unit located inside the same building as the Commercial Cannabis Business. As such, Commercial Cannabis Businesses must install and maintain such equipment as consultants hire by the Township, the cost of which is to be reimbursed by the operator, deem effective to meet the standards of this section. In addition, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Negative air pressure shall be maintained inside the building.
- B. Doors and windows shall remain closed, except for the minimum length of time needed to allow people to ingress and egress the building.

A motion by Griewahn, seconded by Moden, to approve the above changes to Section 4 of Ordinance #43. Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fairfield Water Meter/Emergency Purchase:

Supervisor Griewahn reported to the board that an emergency purchase for a water meter at the Fairfield Twp. water connection was approved at the cost of \$9705.00 because the current meter was found to only be working intermittently and that could cost the township to be losing money from not capturing all the water usage from Fairfield, as this meter is used to bill against to Fairfield. No action taken just reporting the emergency expenditure.

2021 Committee List:

A document list of committees and participants on those committees was presented to the board by Supervisor Griewahn for 2021, with some areas remaining open, such as the Zoning Inspector, Mechanical Backup Inspector, and Dangerous Building Mediator remain unfilled at this point. A motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to accept the appointments as listed for committees in 2021. There was a question about the ability of the board to remove people if there is found to be conflict of interest within the committee. Lucas noted that changes can be made, but with committees such as the planning committee there must be statutory violations of some type in order to do it.

Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- No, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 6-Yes, 1-No.

Part Time Zoning Inspector Position Job Description: A written job description was amended for the open position of part time zoning inspector, due to the resignation of Terry Henry in September. An educational requirement was added, stating that within 6 months after the hire date that the person must pass the Michigan State Extension Certificate Citizen Planner Credential program. A motion by Griewahn, seconded by Moden to approve the job description as amended. Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:

Bales asked the question of whether Dave Rincon can do both the job of Building Official and Zoning Inspector. Lucas responded that yes, he can. Griewahn stated that in years past the Board voted to make it two separate positions because they wanted two different set of eyes on the issues as they came up. It was stated that Dave does hold both positions in Adrian Twp. at this time.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Nic Wilson representing the Fire Dept thanks Clerk Moden for her help during the recent death of Firefighter/EMT Joe Gallo in getting our EAP services notified, materials and cards distributed to our Fire Dept employees the night of the death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was noted that the next Board of Review meeting set for 12/15/20 will have to be changed to an all Zoom meeting, per the updated Governor's mandate. It will cause problems since some members have no computer capabilities and there are going to be signatures need to complete this review. The supervisor will contact the members to look for solutions to this issue.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion by Gregg, seconded by Liedel, to adjourn the meeting. . Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk