

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gregg, Griewahn, Moden, Liedel, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales. All present.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 14th, 2020:

Motion by Bales, supported by Carpenter to dispense reading and approve. Motion Carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2020:

Motion by Carpenter, supported by Bales to dispense reading and approve. Motion Carried 6-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Notice read by Moden regarding the State requirement for October 2020 deadline to obtain “Real ID” enhanced Michigan driver’s license.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

7:15p.m. Break in AGENDA to have published public hearing on 2020 Madison Township Budget.

Copies of budget were distributed to all interested public present. Griewahn read the summary report with all the areas of increase and decrease from the previous years budget. Discussion on areas of larger amounts of loss of Revenue in 2020 such as 70K Safer Grant for Fire Dept. Motion to approve 2020 Madison Township Budget as written by Gregg, supported by Moden. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-No, Benschoter-No, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 5-2.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: February 4, 2020

Motion to approve minutes by Benschoter, supported by Liedel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Benschoter to accept recommendation by Personnel Committee to give all non-union employee a 4% increase in wages on the next pay cycle, supported by Liedel. After much discussion regarding the topic a roll call vote was taken. Motion to approve by Benschoter, supported by Liedel. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-No, Griewahn-No, Moden-No, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-No, and Bales-Yes. Motion failed 3 Yes-4 No.

Motion by Benschoter to accept recommendation by Personnel Committee for the Township HSA benefit be changed back to a one-time annual lump sum pay out in January, with all employees receiving their remaining annual payments for 2020 to be paid out immediately to fulfill the 2020 HSA obligation, supported by Moden. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-No, Griewahn-No, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 5 Yes-2 No.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Ad Hoc – Sub Committee met on February 10, 2020

Recommendation by Committee to purchase Supervisor new computer system at a cost not to exceed \$2,300. Motion by Gregg to authorize this purchase as recommended, supported by Carpenter . Motion carried 7 Yes-0 No

Recommendation by Committee to purchase program from Diligent Inc. that would manage documentation of the township's meeting minutes, agendas, committee and department forms as well as meet ADA translation requirements on the township website. Currently used by City of Tecumseh and very well liked. Motion by Griewahn to purchase this program from Diligent at the special pricing of \$3,000.00/yr. and TV with cart for presentations for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00, supported by Moden. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-No, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-No, Benschoter-No, Carpenter-No, and Bales-Yes. Motion failed 3 Yes - 4 No.

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE:

Recommendation by Committee to purchase a power-load system with a new cot for Medic 4, and to purchase a 2nd Lucas device for the Fire department that includes service agreements and installations for total of \$68,790.05. Motion by Liedel that purchase be made as recommended, supported by Benschoter. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Recommendation by Committee to purchase new handguns for the Police Department from their forfeiture fund and the Police equipment fund. Cost is \$2,000.00 plus cost of ammo. Motion to approve by Liedel, supported by Benschoter. Motion carried 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consumers Energy Street Light Project, from 2019, documents were located that were not signed by Madison Township officials to close out the project, even though Madison has been receiving the savings from Consumer's during this time. Motion by Griewahn to approve the signing of the document by Supervisor Griewahn and Clerk Moden, Supported by Carpenter. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion was made by Griewahn and supported by Bales to remove Terry Etter as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and replace with Clerk Janet Moden. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Griewahn and supported by Bales to remove Terry Etter as Election Board Committee Chairperson and replace with Clerk Janet Moden. Motion carried 7-0.

Status of the Baldwin Hwy Lift Station is that nothing has started yet. There has been no correspondence from them. The penalty provisions are still in effect.

Status of the Kennedy Lawsuit: Per Fred Lucas, township legal counsel, Kennedy wanted to dismiss the claim, but the judge dismissed their plea, next court date is in April, possible trial to be set. Have only received “low ball” offers from Kennedy.

Status of the Employee Handbook: Dates need to be set to meet again to go over any revisions, and to bring Clerk Moden up to date on the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalks – Policy for Snow and Ice Removal – Discussion of policy with Q &A for residents in attendance, discussion to add to the current grass cutting ordinance. No action taken.

Supervisor Griewahn announced the 2020 Board of Review meetings will be as follows at the Township Hall:

Tuesday March 3rd. Organizational Meeting 9:00 AM
Monday March 9th. 9:00 am to 1:00 PM
Tuesday March 10th. 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
Thursday March 12th. Close out session if needed, 9:00 AM

It was noted that the meeting on March 10th will be held the same day as the Presidential Primary Election at the Township Hall. Meetings will be held in the conference room area.

March Board Meeting normally would be held on March 10th, but due to the Presidential Primary Election that day a motion was made by Griewahn, supported by Moden to move the date of the March Board Meeting to March 17th at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

2020 Road Budget: Griewahn announced that the 2020 road budget would include Woodland Hills, but that we are waiting for new estimates on cost from the Road Commission. Currently they are looking as Marvin Dr. in 2021, the Sand Creek bridge to be fixed by 2021, with repairs to Railroad St in Sand Creek in 2020 and Bailey Hwy in 2023.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS: New Clerk, Janet Moden, thanked all board members and township employees for all of their much-needed help the last few weeks in helping her get up to speed in this new role.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Bill Roberts questioned who owns the street into Walmart and who is responsible for its maintenance, due to potholes. Griewahn explained that it is private property, and the township can not force them to fix it, suggested that complains be lodged with Walmart directly.

Resident Victoria Powell asked questions about the CD's that the township has for their Reserve Fund. Griewahn also explained that the difference between year end numbers and budget numbers was about \$250.00 to the good. She also offered the board information about absentee voting information from the state that may be useful.

Resident Bill Gira asked how many liquor licenses were in Madison Township, Chief Shadbolt stated that he believed there were about 14 or 15, and that the State pays the Police department to do Liquor inspections for them. Mr. Gira also asked the Police Chief where he could get copies of ordinance reports, and the Chief explained that they can be seen at the Police Department during business hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Review dates were given again, same as earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gregg, supported by Carpenter, Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet M. Moden
Madison Township Clerk