

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 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 FEBRUARY 11th, 2020:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve. Motion Carried 7-0
Some discussion regarding how the Election on 3/10/2020 went, and info on the Covid-19 Virus and the procedures for PPE protection while in the meeting and elsewhere.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Update on Election results, Ryan Rank asked that he be put on the Agenda for this meeting as his report did not get turned-in in time and he wants to update the board on the Covid-19 activities, also an update on the Fire Equipment that has arrived and the sale of some equipment. Motion by Bales seconded by Benschoter to add these additions to the agenda, passed 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Notice read by Moden regarding the Township Spring Clean Up scheduled for April 11, 2020 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will be located at the Township Police/Fire Complex at 4008 S. Adrian Hwy. (the old township hall location). It is for household trash only, NO electronics, tires, appliances containing Freon, or Commercial building material allowed.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

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.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tim Watterson gave the board an update on the activities at the Baldwin lift station. The contractor is currently digging the hole and they are expected to take a minimum of two weeks to finish if everything goes as planned.

Status of the Kennedy Lawsuit: Per Fred Lucas, township legal counsel, has no idea what delays in the courts will be back online from the closing of the courts due to Covid-19 virus precautions. Depending on the length of the closing the courts may have to resort to using a teleconferencing software called "Zoom".

Status of the Employee Handbook: Per Ryan Rank, dates need to be set to meet again to go over any revisions, and to bring Clerk Moden up to date on the project. Currently was waiting for the election to be over and the Covid-19 virus restrictions to be lifted before the Personnel Committee meets again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Henry, Zoning Inspector, presented the board with a petition for a land split on 4295 Demings Lake Rd. It was explained that they want to make on parcel 4.272 acres and the other parcel would be 43.254 acres. The smaller parcel would have frontage of 204.32 feet, and the larger parcel would have 265.05 feet, but they would not be continuous feet. After much discussion with Legal Counsel, Lucas, it was his recommendation to the Board that it not be approved, based on there not being a depth ratio of 4:1 once the land split happened. Motion by Gregg, seconded by Liedel that the Board deny the land split due to the failure to meet the 4:1 ratio in the split. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0. Split Denied.

Fire Chief, Ryan Rank gave a verbal report to the board requesting that the old Utility echo unit be put up for sale, as the new Echo unit is expected to be delivered in a few weeks. Since it has over 100,000 miles, he suggested that we sell it for \$5000.00. Motion by Benschoter, second by Griewahn that we sell the old Utility echo unit for \$5000.00, with the proceeds going into the Fire Equipment fund. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0. Ryan also spoke about Jaws grant was applied for, as well as grant for decontamination equipment.

Ryan explained the current Covid-19 situation in Lenawee County and that he is in contact with the county boards twice daily in order to keep up with changing situations. He also talked about the precautions, cancellations, quarantine's, screening of employees. He reported that at this time there are no positive results in Lenawee County. Police Chief, Mike Shadbolt reported due to the Covid-19 virus his officers will not be entering residents' homes for any "none-priority" calls. They will still be very visible and have extra patrols in retail areas for any signs of civil unrest as these conditions evolve. He asked the board to allow him to provide special powers to EMS/FF employees by "deputizing" them to carry a hand gun that they personally own, while on duty for the fire department in case of civil unrest situations. The police department would have to make sure that they have been "qualified" the same as our police officers, the caliber of gun would have to approved.

Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Bales to allow full time firefighters limited power for Covid-19 to carry personal weapons, if qualified by Madison Police Dept. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-No, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-1.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS: Gary Griewahn thanked Scott Griewahn for allowing us to use his property for auxiliary parking the day of the election.

Janet Moden spoke about the comments that she heard from the public during the election. They were all very positive for the way it was set up, the flow and the overall look and feel of the township hall. For many of the people they had not been to the new township hall before this election. They were very impressed with the room and facilities. Many thanks to all the election workers and Deputy Clerk Terry Henry for their many hours of work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ryan Rank thanked Janet Moden for her successful election, since it was her first.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion to adjourn was made by Benschoter, supported by Liedel, Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet M. Moden
Madison Township Clerk