

# **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON**

Gary Griewahn  
*Supervisor*  
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## **TRUSTEES**

Howard Bales  
Matt Carpenter  
Ralph Benschoter  
Larry Liedel

### **Madison Township Board Meeting Held Electronically due to Covid-19 restrictions from Gov. Whitmer Minutes of April 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Griewahn. Supervisor Griewahn read a prepared statement explaining the reason for having this meeting held by electronic means and how everyone needed to identify themselves by name before speaking, so that the minutes for the meeting would be correct. Silent prayer time was offered. The pledge to the American Flag was said by all.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present electronically: Gregg, Griewahn, Moden, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales. Absent Liedel.

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve.

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF March 31, 2020:**

Motion by Gregg, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve.

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** None

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve by Gregg, supported by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Tim Watterson gave the board an update on the activities at the Baldwin lift station. The lift station is planned to be turned on tomorrow, April 15, 2020. Overall, the project has gone well but is very overdue to the projected schedule for it to be done by 12/31/2019, and instead it is finished by 4/15/2020. Still have property restoration that needs to be completed, most of the citizens complaints over the project was about mud on the roads and large trucks on the roads.

Status of the Kennedy Lawsuit: Per Fred Lucas, township legal counsel, due to Gov. Whitmer's Covid-19 restrictions the courts are closed until further notice, so any court dates from the past are null and void. He explained that when the courts open back up, that most likely Criminal cases will be the priority over Civil cases, so with that he has no idea when we will be back in court on this case.

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. Clerk Moden stated that in the next week she expects to meet with Ryan on the handbook before they schedule a meeting with our employment lawyer.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget Amendments were presented by Treasurer Gregg with regards to two areas of concern:

101-265-971-000 Comspec \$6,853.67 - Motion to amend the budget for \$6,853.67 by Gregg, supported by Moden.

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

811-446-930-000 Road Maintenance \$15,000.00 (Woodland Hills repairs) - Motion to amend the budget for \$15,000.00 by Griewahn, supported by Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

It was noted that next year Marvin Dr. will be a big-ticket item cost for Road Repair for the township.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:

Carpenter: Very upset with the Governor's choices of restrictions that are shutting down businesses and that it is not being done in a manor that is being fair to all employers and businesses

Bales: Noted that his daughter was positive for the virus and that families need recognition for the part that they have had to play in this pandemic, and the sacrifices that are being made.

Moden: Stated that mowing is not allowed in the cemeteries at this time, but Lucas feels that the Health Dept. is attempting to intervene in some of these decisions, Shadbolt stated that it is a hot topic at the County Commissioner's meetings with regards to County properties.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None Recognized that Spencer Durham from the Telegram was on the line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion to adjourn was made by Benschoter, supported by Moden, Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet M. Moden  
Madison Township Clerk