



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of January 11, 2022

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting called to order, with a silent prayer, and pledge to the flag said by all.

ROLL CALL:

Present in person: Griewahn, Gregg, Moden, Rodgers, Benschoter, Carpenter and Bales. All present.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: 12/14/2021

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 12/14/2021. Motion was carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES: 12/23/2021

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 12/23/2021. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Yes

Griewahn made motion, supported by Rodgers to add to New Business the contract for new Assessor, Amanda Lacille. Motion carried 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden presented a notice from Region II regarding a meeting on 1/13/2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Jackson regarding public opinion on the use of public funds for years 2024 – 2026 from the federal CMAQ program. This has to do with the types of Transportation projects that will receive Federal Funds.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Welcome to Madison Firefighters, Medics

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Nic Wilson reported that the departments runs were up, 2021 was a busy year. Fire Dept. inspections have started for the new year in the area of Walmart and others in that area.



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Hampton Manor has had their first false fire alarm since opening last month. Currently they have four residents.

Police: Been busy, new Administrative Asst. started Monday.

Water/Sewer: Watterson reported that the generators that were approved last month have been ordered, but that the suppliers are giving us a lead time of 16 to 60 weeks for delivery due to shipping issues. Monies approved for the research on a test well was 26K, and the bill actually came in at 19K, their start date is 1/24/22.

Inspection: Last month Hampton Manor of Madison had their Grand Opening. Casa Builders are buying all of Green Acre's subdivision and plan to complete the build of that project. 1157 W. Beecher is going to be a Gas Station. Adrian Twp. – Hickman Hospital is looking to add a large addition to the hospital soon. We have been notified that there is interest in a solar project on a 40-acre lot. Bales asked, "Are we ready to deal with Solar?." Lucas spoke that we need to get positioned for a moratorium on wind/solar projects for the next 6 months. This led to a discussion as to there being nothing in our ordinances to allow it. There needs to be discussions between the board and the planning commission. Lucas stated that "excluding lawful use in any zoning ordinance is not allowed by the State, Madison should adopt something for possible brownfield areas, and the technology in solar now requires smaller acreage footprints. Carpenter felt that a moratorium now would be a positive action for the board to take at this time. Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Bales to add Solar/Wind Moratorium to our agenda under New Business in this meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 12/10/2021 Fire Chief Interviews
Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve meeting minutes of Fire Chief interviews with the correction on the last paragraph to read "pending advancement of Nic Wilson as Fire Chief upon agreement of conditional offer approval from the Township." Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 1/5/2022 Minutes were read by Rodgers, motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve meeting minutes of 1/5/22 general meeting as read. Discussion on the motion revolved around the actual use of verbiage of action items, approvals, and recommendations and the lack of motions and voting in the personnel meeting. The motion was amended to add "all parties present agreed to the Fire Chief contact language" in the minutes. The Fire Chief contract will have the same benefits as other Dept. Heads, the starting wage will be 88K with a Motion carried 7-0. A motion by Rodgers,



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supported by Gregg to approve the Fire Chief employment contract with Nic Wilson as presented by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2500 E. Maumee St. (formerly known as 1607 E. Maumee) Lot line adjustment:

Dave Rincon presented to the board the new paperwork from DX LLC. (Feltman Project) that he had just flipped the mirror image of his property line to avoid a buried abandoned city sewer line. Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Benschoter to approve the lot line adjustments as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Moratorium on Wind and Solar projects in Madison Twp.:

Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Rodgers that the township effective today put a 6-month moratorium on accepting any wind or solar projects in the township. Discussion, this will give our new members of our planning committee to get a chance to get up to speed on their responsibilities and for the committee to research the language to set up an ordinance to deal with this subject matter. Motion carried 7-0

Assessor's Contract:

Griewahn presented members of the board a copy of a contract that the new assessor, Amanda Lacille had agreed to with Madison Twp. In discussion it was pointed out that we had asked that under the subject of land splits, that it state the land splits would be managed by the zoning inspector "or the board's designee." It is understood that our zoning inspector will be doing the land splits which includes viewing, and recommending to the board, or a designee of the township board. This is just in case the zoning inspector is unavailable, for any reason, the board can designate another person to fill the gap. Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Carpenter to accept contract as presented with additional verbiage on "designee." Motion carried with amended verbiage, 7-0

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rodgers: Dave to get training from MTA and Lucas on land splits.

Carpenter: Asked if we wanted to open up the Lucas Training to other townships.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Retirement of Ryan Rank as Fire Chief Griewahn called Ryan forward to congratulate him on his faithful service for the last 30 years with the fire department. Ryan had received a retirement plaque from the board earlier in the day at his retirement party, but now was congratulated by members of the board in the meeting, with a large contingent of the fire department in the audience, who were waiting for the meeting to be over so they could give him his “last ride” home in the fire truck. Congratulations and best wishes to Ryan in his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk