



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held Electronically due to Covid-19 restrictions from Gov. Whitmer
Minutes of January 12, 2021

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 December 8, 2020:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter, to dispense reading and approve meeting minutes of 12/8/20. Roll Call 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 Bales raised the question on the comp payment to Rincon should be \$2650.00 and that the board should approve \$5000. for use for Helen "Lizzie" Mills legal fees and approve more if needed. No motions were made to amend the printed agenda.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve a consent agenda by Liedel, 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.



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Two Minute Dept. Head Highlights: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Inspector/Zoning Inspector Backup- Changes:

A motion was made by Griewahn, supported by Gregg, to appoint Jimmy Cates the new Zoning Inspector and Rex Murphy as Alternate Zoning Inspector. Also, to remove David Rincon as Alternate Zoning Inspector. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-No. Motion Carried 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review Member Changes:

Supervisor Greiwahn announced that due to the recent death of John Frayer, a long time resident and member of the Board of Review that he was in the process of recruiting possible candidates for John's position and that of Thad Roesler also. The candidates must be able to take the state required education classes and have the ability to participate by Zoom if necessary, to sit on this board. The two current candidates are David Halsey and Pat Kahle.

Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Carpenter to appoint David Halsey as a new Board of Review member and Mr. Pat Kahle as alternate Board of Review member, removing Thad Roesler as Board of Review member. Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No.

Update on Sale of E. Maumee Well Property:

Attorney Lucas gave the Board members an update on the potential sale of the E. Maumee St. Well Property. He stated that he has not signed purchase agreement yet as he just received it today by email. Mr. Sheely is stating that he is willing to pay \$150K for the property less any monies he is still owed from the township for extending the water line down E. Carleton Rd. in 2003. It was discussed that the amount still owed to him is approx. \$9K which would be deducted from the \$150K, making the purchase price \$141K. It was also discussed that he would also not have to pay hook up charges for water and sewer, as it is already on the property, but if later additional water and/or sewer was needed or the property was split for some reason, that the property owner would have to pay for that. It was also discussed that the Township reserves the current easement rights across the property for utilities.



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A motion by Gregg, seconded by Liedel that the Township accept the offer by Sheely of the E. Maumee St. Well property for \$150K less \$9K owed to him by the Township for 2003 water line extension, with additional language regarding the hook up fees for water and sewer be waived this one time on the existing utilities currently on the property. Roll call vote: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden- Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No.

Update from Attorney Lucas on the Rivers Edge streetlight issues. He stated that an agreement had been drafted and sent to the Rivers Edge Condo Association which memorialized the Rivers Edge would be responsible for the cost of the lights totally, but if there were to be changes of any type that Rivers Edge would have to get permission from the Lenawee County Road Commission. Rivers Edge would have to also get the changes approved through the Township Board in which Rivers Edge would have to show that they can afford to pay for the costs, maintenance and upkeep on the lights. Attorney Lucas will be drawing up the agreement for the board to look at.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:

Bales noted that the Personnel Committee was supposed to meet 4-6 weeks ago, meeting needed to deal with replace of Vicki Daniels due to retirement.

Griewahn stated that the first Board of Review meeting will be held by Zoom. He also stated that the Tax Tribunal for Panera Bread was complete.

Moden spoke about her resignation from the chairman of the Personnel Committee due to personal reasons and in an effort to not delay progress due to the Clerk workload. She also announced that the most recent Election Audit by the State of Michigan was completed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Tim Watterson, Township Utilities Manager, spoke about the contents of the most recent County Drain Commission meeting, in which it was announced that the Central Districts' Wastewater plant 2021 Budget has been increased by 100K, which he feels is not realistic. He is concerned that it might affect our rates. The plants' expenditures can be any amount and they pass it on to us, to be able to balance their budget. Watterson suggests the Township review the Central District agreement, to see if it could be changed from based on expenditures to units per gallon. He stated that the only thing the township sends to the plant is the waste from the Prison. Madison Township has 85% of the use of the plant and Palmyra has the remaining 15%. After much discussion Watterson agreed to look over the contract that the Central District has with the Bureau of Corrections and well as the 2002 agreement with Madison Twp. and the prison. It was also discussed having Tetra Tech look as the possibly of singling out the prison numbers from the current rates.

Fire Chief Rank not that he and Assistant Fire Chief had returned from Nebraska from their pre-construction meeting on the newly approved Fire Truck for 2022.



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Police Chief Shadbolt stated that the Police dept had successfully passed their most recent Audit by the State of Michigan, that happens every two years. He gave his Administrative Asst. Cheryl Ayers a big thank you for all her help in making it happen and the success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

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 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk