



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of October 12, 2021

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, Benschoter, Carpenter and Bales. All Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 9/14/2021 Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 9/14/2021. Roll Call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 9/21/2021 Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Special Board meeting minutes as written for 9/21/2021. Roll Call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden announced that Region II would be having a planning commission webinar on 10/13/21 regarding the ARPA grants uses. Supervisor Griewahn notified that there is an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to a resignation, anyone interested in serving should apply with the township.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

Julie Moore, 2022 candidate for state representative, replacing Bronna Kahle who has term limited out, gave a brief synopsis of her background as an introduction.

Larry Anderson presented a business opportunity that he is working on to put in Madison Township on U.S. 223 on 23 acres. He had literature of the type of modular home park buildings that he was anticipating would be used. He was just looking to inform the board of his idea and what he is working on currently.



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LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Engine 3 is out of service for a blown head gasket. Currently the Dept. is conducting an EMT class for Adrian College, that is going well.

Police: Very busy, the Catalytic Converter thefts have slowed dramatically. There have been new lights installed at intersection of W. Beecher and Sand Creek Hwy and a 4-way stop at Parr Hwy and E. Beecher, so far without incidents. Participated in Madison Homecoming and Carpenter Farms community events.

Water/Sewer: 1607 E. Maumee (former Bohn property) Tim is waiting to hear back on the proposed cost to extend the water main 800 ft. for the new marijuana business at the address. Also, there is a bid out for a test well, should hear something by this Friday.

Inspection: Hampton Manor should be opening in another 4 weeks, delayed by damages from a fire, not their fault. Ten new homes are in the works to be built.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gregg, seconded by Moden to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Rodgers-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 9/28/2021

Minutes from the meeting were read by Rodgers, Chairman of the committee, a correction to sentence that stated 70% of Township residents have expressed their desire to have a township police dept. based on the votes cast for the last millage increase, to read that 58% for, 41% against having an increased millage for the Police Dept. A motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter to accept the minutes as read with the correction adjusted. Motion carried with 7-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading of Ordinance Amendments to:

Ordinance 1	Zoning	Temporary Uses
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article II – Section 2.2
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV – Section 4.1
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV – Section 4.7
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article V – Section 5.5.5.b

All of the above corrected amendments were read in whole by Griewahn, then a motion to accept the change, supported by Bales was entered. Roll call vote was taken for changes to just



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Ordinance 1/Zoning/Temporary Uses. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Rodgers-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Another motion was made by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to accept the change to Ordinance 1, Zoning, Article IV; Article II Section 2.2; Article IV Section 4.1; Article IV Section 4.7; and Article V Section 5.5.5b. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Rodgers-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The changes will be published in the “legals” in the Daily Telegram and enacted within 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contracting of Police Services: With all of the rumors flying around about doing away with the Madison Twp Police Dept. Supervisor Griewahn addressed the audience about the reason for talking with the County Sheriffs Dept. about the cost of policing. He reiterated that it was part of the boards responsibility to investigate the fiscal advantages and disadvantages of financial responsibility to the township residents. Clerk Moden explained that we need up to date information on anything that we may need to purchase, such as a generator, we would do costing on that as well. In order to negotiate a new union contract we have to have good information to work off of. Supervisor Griewahn stated that the cost of our Police Dept. per year runs approx. \$650,000.00, and the one mill of tax that we get in for the Police Dept. is approx. \$250,000.00 per year. Therefore, the short fall is made up out of the General Fund. A motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg that the Supervisor should get information from the Lenawee County Sheriff's Dept. by inquiring on costs of county policing. Benschoter stated that it was bad timing. Rodgers asked if we are doing the same costing of other departments, Griewahn said that he would look into doing the same inquiries on them as well. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Rodgers-No, Benschoter-No, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 5-2.

Wind and Solar Zoning: Gregg stated that he would like to see the board look into zoning for Wind and Solar, both of which we currently do not have addressed in our zoning Ordinances. A motion was made by Gregg, seconded by Griewahn that the board instruct the planning commission to work on putting a zoning ordinance together for Wind and Solar. Lucas mentioned that we should contact Region II for help in drafting this zoning ordinance. As they have had many opportunities with other townships on this issue. Vote was taken, motion passed 7-0

FOIA Procedures: Clerk Moden presented to the board that currently the township has not adopted any formal policy for the FOIA process in Madison Township, and that after reading the feedback on the MTA Clerk's Community Digest felt that the board should adopt the MTA procedure and forms, and that they should be published on the township website, with instructions, forms, and costs available to the general public. Clerk Moden made the motion to accept the MTA procedure format and to have it published on the website, motion was supported by Rodgers. Vote was taken and motion passed 7-0.



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Safety Committee Chairperson: Supervisor Griewahn made a motion to also make Chad Rodgers the chairperson of the Safety Committee, replacing Larry Liedel, motion was seconded by Moden. Vote was taken and motion passed 7-0.

Ace Drill Marijuana Overlay District: The County Planning Commission rejected the ability to apply the Marijuana Overlay Dist. to the Ace Drill property for the same reasons the township planning commission did, that being the lack of 50 ft. offset from property line by the building. Further study was done by Lucas, and it was deemed that the “property” complies to be zoned in the Marijuana Overlay Dist., but that the buildings are not part of that zoning. Only if they decide to use the existing buildings for marijuana grow, then the owners would have to ask for a variance from the planning commission at a later time. It was discussed with Lucas that the board had three options; 1) Deny the request; 2) Approve the request, then they can seek a variance on the building; 3) Send it back to our Planning Commission. A motion by Carpenter, seconded by Rodgers, that the board approve the Ace Drill property to be zoned to the Marijuana Overlay Dist. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Rodgers-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS:

Moden: Explained the issues that were happening with the use of the Township Hall by outside entities, and because of that only Township or other govt. groups will be allowed to hold meetings in the township hall during working hours.

Regarding the FALL CLEANUP day, we are still waiting to hear back from Slusarski for approval to use their dump area for landscape debris. As soon as we know something it will be posted on the website and the township office.

Carpenter: Wanted to publicly thank the Fire and Police Dept. for their support on Safety Day at Carpenter Farms.

Rodgers: Mentioned that we should explore other areas of cost saving.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There were approx. thirty people in attendance and by zoom for the meeting;

Mr. Shafer: Why wasn’t this in the paper about the police? How is going with the County going to help, they would have to hire. He appreciates our police dept.

Larry Smith: Like our police Dept. - Later he mentioned that he would like to see a speed limit change on Taylor, between Cadmus and Tyer. He was told that is all handled by the Road Commission and the State Police.

Rich Gallatin: Stated that our Police Chief has lots of experience and the dept. has good repour.



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Ernest Gallent: Asked if the action of the board tonight meant that Carriage Homes could no longer use the Township Hall for their meeting, and he was told yes.

Randy Olson: Asked, “when does it stop?” Was told that the millage monies are put into our general fund.

Karen Gray: Chastised Howard Bales for his “poor attitude” toward the Police Chief.

Bill Gentner, Supervisor of Cambridge Twp.: Stated he felt that it’s the best Police and Fire dept. in the county, feels the Sheriff’s dept is already understaffed.

Ryan Rank: Spoke to the fact that he has taken some time off, and it’s not because he is ill, just that he mentally wanted to recoup and regroup after a long period of Covid related duties and such. He stated, “I’m fine”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Rodgers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk