



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Ralph Benschoter  
Chad Rodgers

## Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of December 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.: Open Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2023: Supervisor Griewahn read the major items within the budget that is proposed for 2023. The final amount that is proposed for 2023, to be balanced, is \$3,076,110.00, with \$227,375.00 coming from our Operational Fund balance to maintain a balanced budget. There is a proposed slight increase in the 2023 state revenue as of October estimates. Trustee Carpenter suggested that a new vehicle for the Building department should be considered, since he keeps a balance to maintain a department vehicle. Per Treasurer Gregg, “This budget does not reflect any agreements with the firefighter’s union, that there may need to be adjustments, once that contract is settled”. There were no other public comments. The hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

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 (absent), Rodgers, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales. 6 presents, 1 absent. Meeting notes taken by Caitlin Jacobs, in the clerk’s absence.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: 11/10/2022**

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 11/10/2022. Motion was carried 6-0.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** Griewahn noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for a new member, due to the resignation of Janet Bunch.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Griewahn introduced R. Burke Castleberry as our new township attorney, joining Fred Lucas of Castleberry & Lucas Law.

Tim Watterson introduced Brian Ruble, of TetraTech engineering firm for the water system.

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



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## 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Capt. Boulay reported thanked firefighters who participated during the Morenci barn fire for the many hours away from their families on Thanksgiving Day.

**Police:** Chief Shadbolt reported continued issues with Walmart thefts due to the holidays. He stated that he had been in contact with Sand Creek Schools, who are interested in looking for a school resources officer.

**Water/Sewer:** Watterson reported that our resources for purchasing water meters have been strained and on backorder, doing an inventory and other purchasing options with different suppliers.

**Inspection:** Dave Rincon reported that Adrian Twp solar farm had a building permit for \$76,000 dollars, currently Madison has over 200 building permits in 2022.

**Legal:** None

## 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; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11/21/22:

Meeting minutes were read and presented for approval by Gregg, and supported by Carpenter, motion carried 6-0. Working session of the 2023 budget and discussion of ARPA funds.

## WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11/28/2022:

Meeting minutes were read by Watterson and presented for approval by Bales, and supported by Carpenter, motion carried 6-0. Motion by Bales supported by Benschoter to accept the Tetrattech proposal Board voted to approve the Tetrattech proposal for the design build phase of water treatment improvement project for \$210,000. . Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of the Silversmith Data software for GPS mapping, by Carpenter, supported by Bales, costs of \$10,150 dollars and annual \$1745.00 fees. This includes set up training and ongoing support for unlimited users. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.



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Carpenter suggested that we look into doing another sewer/water rate study, as our current one is running out.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11/29/2022:**

Meeting minutes were read and presented for approval by Benschoter, and supported by Rodgers, motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Benschoter, supported by Griewahn to hire another full-time police officer at the approx. \$85,000. There was much discussion regarding the need for this officer and how we were going to fund that cost. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, No; Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, No; and Bales, No. Motion failed 2-4.

### **POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12/6/2022:**

Meeting minutes were read and presented for approval by Benschoter, and supported by Gregg, motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gregg to table this purchase of guns until there are answers regarding the liability on the township, the administration of the township bank rolling the purchase of new rifles that would be owned by the employees but paid back to the township in payroll deductions for two years with a max \$2500. supported by Griewahn. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of rifles purchased from the township. Ownership of the gun would be that of the employee. Currently the County Sheriffs Dept, Adrian Twp and Adrian City PD are all doing this per our attorney. Motion failed 3-3.

Motion by Benschoter that the township purchases the rifles, there was no one who supported it, motion died.

Motion by Benschoter, that the township replaces the PD 2016 Charger, supported by Gregg. Discussion was held due to the need to replace it as it has the highest mileage and maintenance issues. There was some discussion on using ARPA funds for this purchase. That are looking at Durango as a replacement. Durango costs \$41,805.00, plus fully outfitted it will be \$60,000. From LaFontaine our Lansing and operational by April of 2023. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, No. Motion approved 5-1.

Further discussion was held on the use of ARPA funds for the generator and the water projects that are coming up in the next year. Bales stated that we have a 3 Mil water project and the less money we have to borrow the less we have to pay back.



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**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Reading of the Solar Ordinance Amendment:**

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to move forward with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Solar ordinance amendment as published. Motion carried 5-1.

**First Reading of the Wind Ordinance Amendment:**

Motion by Bales, supported by Griewahn to move forward with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Wind ordinance amendment as published. Discussion was had regarding the payment of the engineering costs associated with restoration escrow bond. It was explained by Lucas that the township would be reimbursed by the applicant for these costs. Motion carried 6-0.

**Budget Amendments:**

Motion by Gregg, supported by Benschoter to make the budget adjustments presented by the Treasurer.

101-336-971-000	\$20,000.	Capital Outlay – Fire Dept.
101-301-702-000	\$2,000.	Full Time Police Wages – Pay out of unused vacation pay.

Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of the 2023 Budget:**

Statement was made by Gregg that the budget as proposed does not include wages for part-time police officers. After much conversation it was agreed that the \$65k in the budget for an additional full-time officer should be put back in the 2023 budget under the Part Time Officer wages. There was more discussion on what the exact numbers would be of savings by doing this. It was decided that \$33K would go back to the part-time wages.

Motion by Gregg, supported by Rodgers, to approve the 2023 proposed budget with the above adjustments with regard to the part time police officer wages and benefits being put back in this budget and the full-time additional police officer wage taken out. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, No. Motion carried 5-1.



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### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

**Gregg:** Stated that that the budget was done backwards, and that next year the Personnel Committee will meet first to lessen mistakes on the budget process.

**Carpenter:** Commented on how well the yard waste event in November went, he estimated that there were 40-50 carloads of debris and that it may have been our largest turnout yet.

**Griewahn:** A motion was made by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to authorize Clerk Moden to sign the cable franchise agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Attorney Rodney Leon, representing A.J. Brown, voiced his concerns with the township regarding the "Ace Drill" property, how it was handled by the township, and by the Zoning Board of Appeals, his perception of the lack of communication with him or his client by the township. No other comments were made.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk