



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of February 14, 2023

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 SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES: 1/24/2023

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the Special Board meeting minutes as written for 1/24/2023. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to amend tonight's agenda to include under Old Business, discuss the Housing Need Study; under New Business, the addition of Rodney Meeks to the ZBA board, the addition of the Planning Commission meeting minutes from 1/30/23. Vote to approve 7-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden mentioned that she had received correspondence from our law firm, Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes confirming that our billable rate with their firm is \$250.00/hr. for the township.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Accumulated billing service was reviewed, the chief is participating in a new group called (F.A.N.) Families Against Narcotics, which has been organized recently. There are plans to do a review with Fairfield Twp. Board regarding their Fire Dept. in July, as they still have challenges.

Police: Chief Shadbolt reported that the Part-Time Police officer position has not been filled, he is currently looking at a grant for additional traffic speed signs, the one we currently have is



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giving us excellent information. Sand Creek Schools is interested in a SRO officer in coordination with Madison Twp Police.

Water/Sewer: Watterson reported that he has talks with the engineers about well placement and water treatment. He had asked EGLE to come down in advance to look over our proposed plan for this project. He hopes to submit for permit in March/April time period for this project. The new software, Silversmith, is working great.

Inspection: Dave Rincon reported that it had been a busy month. He has talked with an investor that is interested in Sunnyside plans, he also stated that the Adrian Twp. Solar Farm permit amounted to \$107,000. last year. There are at least two new house plans and a tire shop that may move to Madison.

Legal: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers 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 2/7/2023:

Minutes were read and motion for approval of minutes by Benschoter, supported by Carpenter, motion approved by 7-0.

A motion by Rodgers to approve the recommendation to increase the part-time police wages by 9% to better attract applicants to the position, seconded by Benschoter.

Discussion regarding the hiring of a part-time police person with our current wage scale in the police union contract, and the Personnel Committee was recommending that we increase that wage scale 9% with a memo of understanding and increase the current part time officer's pay as well. Clerk Moden stated that she was against this, as it would be opening up the newly negotiated contract, and she asked if there were other ways to attract candidates, such as signing bonuses, that would not require opening the contract. Burke Castleberry was asked if this would constitute "Opening the contract" and he stated yes it would. Clerk Moden stated that it is her understanding that by opening the contract could set precedents that could lead to other contracts being affected as well. She also stated that it was her understanding that the reason we have committee's is to do the research and study on various issues that come before them, so that when it is presented to the board, all options have been researched, studied and answers to the situations are available to the board before it is brought to a vote. No research was done in this case and the committee accepted the suggestion by the Police Chief as the only option. At this point Trustee Rodgers withdrew his motion. A motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg, was to send this recommendation back to the Personnel Committee for further discussion. Motion passed 5-2.



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Finance Committee Meeting – 2/9/2023

Minutes were read and a motion was made to approve by Gregg and seconded by Bales, motion carried 7-0

Upon recommendation by the committee, a motion was made by Gregg, supported by Carpenter, to pay for a new Fire Dept. Echo unit out of the ARPA funds up to \$70K. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Housing Study from Lenawee Now:

Several months ago the Board was asked to participate in a housing study and to donate \$6,272.00 dollars, which at that time was voted down by the Board, since that time a representative from Housing Lenawee had returned to talk to board members with more detailed information about the project. After some discussion the motion was made by Bales and supported by Gregg to participate in the project at the donation amount of \$6,000.00 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Roll call vote: Griewahn, No; Gregg, Yes; Moden, No; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, No; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 4-3.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Tap Fee Resolution:

As a matter of clarification regarding the cost of water tap fees for anyone hooking up to the water system at this time, the Clerk presented a resolution that clarified and explained that there was no longer anyone exempt from paying the current water tap fee in the system. Motion by Moden, seconded by Rodgers to approve the resolution as stated. Motion passed 6-1.

Conditional Use Permit for Caliber Collision/Ed Johnson's –

The planning commission met on 1/30/2023 regarding a request for a conditional use permit for the new Caliber Collision, going into business in the old Ed Johnson's Tire and Repair building at 1220 S. Main St., Adrian. The minutes from the meeting were read and a motion to approve by Rodgers, seconded by Bales. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Bales, seconded by Rodgers, to approve the conditional use permit as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.



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Budget Adjustments:

101-336-971.000	\$70,000	Capital Outlay -Echo Unit
101-651-702.000	\$80,000	Salaries-Fire Dept
101-651-714.001	\$ 6,200	FICA/Medicare-Fire Dept

Motion by Gregg, seconded by Rodgers to approve the above budget adjustments as stated. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Complaint Policy: A policy was submitted for board approval by Clerk Moden in which it explains the reasons and rationale for requiring that all civil complaints made to the township are in written form and require a signature of the complainant. The motion to approve the policy as written but changing the effective date to 2/14/23 was made by Moden, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried 7-0.

New Member of ZBA Board:

Supervisor Griewahn stated that he was putting the name of Rodney Meeks up for appointment on the ZBA board opening that currently exists, especially because of his background experience on the Planning Commission. Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Bales to approve Rodney Meeks to the ZBA board. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Gorman Rd. Land Split:

The Harold Meyers estate is asking for a land split, but because there is an overlapping barn located on the property to be split, the township is requiring the estate to sign a Deed Restriction with stipulations regarding the overlapping barn before it will approve the split. The estate has agreed to the restriction as a stipulation. Motion to approve the land split made by Rodgers and seconded by Bales. Motion carried 6-1.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Carpenter: Commented that he was happy and thankful for the speed monitoring.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Bill Gira, Gier Rd.: When is the township going to hold people accountable, the same few people are not in compliance with the ordinances, and no one follows up on them.



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A.J. Brown, Adrian: Asked why we are against the Ace Drill zoning variance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk