



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

Gary Griewahn  
*Supervisor*  
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## TRUSTEES

Howard Bales  
Matt Carpenter  
Ralph Benschoter  
Chad Rodgers

Madison Township Board Meeting  
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)  
Minutes of February 8, 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: 1/11/2022

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 1/11/2022. Motion was carried 7-0.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Yes

Bales made motion, supported by Carpenter to add to New Business the Health Care Insurance Reimbursement Policy. Motion carried 7-0.

## PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Earlier at 6:00 p.m. our current Utilities Maintenance company, Suez Co. presented to the board a new project for changing the water meter system in the future and gave us a rough cost for the upgraded system so that we would lose less revenue from the deterioration of our current 26-year-old meter system. It was purely an informational presentation for the board to consider along with the Water/Sewer Committee at some future date. Chris McAllister, Supervisor from Fairfield Twp. was also present for the presentation.

## LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

## 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Chief Nic Wilson reported that Adrian College is again running their EMS training at Madison with Madison Instructors. This is good preparation for our guys and their training.



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**Police:** Chief Shadbolt reported that his new part-time administrative Assistant is doing well, he also reported that one of the township police cars was hit by a drunk driver while it was parked at Lighting Quick gas station. Officer Kevin Szentmiklosi was not hurt. Offender was apprehended later. There has been an increase in Welfare checks and Mental Health issues/

**Water/Sewer:** Watterson reported that the test well start has been delayed from 1/24 to 2/28/22. The need for a permit to drill this well was researched with the State of MI. So far, they told us that a permit was not needed, but that they wanted a work site plan from us at this point.

**Inspection:** Dave Rincon reported that he and Caitlin Jacobs had been working on getting a good understanding of how we want to manage “Land Splits” going forward. They have also been collaborating with the new assessor on this project, in order to get a process set up in the B S & A software. He mentioned that our Marijuana Overlay projects have not brought Consumers Energy into their plans, until now. This is not the fault of anyone at the township, if should have been done by the project managers of each company. Consumers did stop by and talked with Gary about trying to collaborate with these companies. Casa Builders is still interested in purchasing the GreenAcres subdivision property.

**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.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 1/14/2022**

Gregg read the minutes of the meeting and submitted a motion to approve as read, supported by Moden. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Gregg, supported by Benschoter to raise the meeting rates for attending committee meetings for committee members from \$20.00 per meeting to \$30.00 per meeting. 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:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**D&P Cable Franchise Agreement :** Gregg presented the board with a franchise agreement from D&P Communications, as they are anticipating expanding in our township in the near future. The agreement has been looked over by legal and is for 3%. Motion by Gregg supported by Rodgers to accept and approve this agreement. Motion carried 7-0



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## Budget Amendment:

### **403-336-971.000 - \$1,158,282.00 Capital Outlay for Aerial Fire Truck**

Gregg presented a budget amendment for the new Aerial Fire Truck, which will be arriving in the near future, to be posted to Capital Outlay. Motion by Gregg to approve the amendment, supported by Rodgers. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Committee List:** Supervisor Griewahn presented the board with a new revised Committee List for 2022, with various additions and subtractions in the various committees. It was also mentioned that Trustee Rodgers asked to be removed from the Chairman position on the Personnel and Police/Fire Committee's. A motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to accept the above changes to the committees. Motion carried 7-0

### **Purchase Offer for 1992 Smeal Aerial Tower:**

Fire Chief Nic Wilson presented the board with an offer of \$42,000. for the purchase of the township's 1992 Smeal Aerial Tower Fire Truck, on a "AS IS" basis, from T-Line EV LLC. The money from the sale of this asset would go back in the building/apparatus fund. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Gregg to accept this offer of \$42,000 in "AS IS" condition. Motion carried 7-0

### **Policy: Explanation for the Calculation for the Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Premiums:**

Recently Chief Shadbolt had questioned the amount of reimbursement monies that he was getting for "not" taking the Township's BCBS Health Care Insurance. After talking with legal about the language that was in the contacts for the Dept. Heads and the Firefighters contract about this subject, Clerk Moden wrote a policy that further explains the calculations as it pertains to this reimbursement and language meanings. Up to this point there had been no hard and set rules set forth for payroll to refer to do when calculating the amounts of reimbursement per pay period. Currently there are only two employees that do not take the township's BCBS coverage. Motion by Moden, supported by Gregg to accept the policy as written. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

Moden: Stated that the board should get a plan real soon for how we want to spend the ARPA grants that we are getting as they are time sensitive, and if we don't use the monies they have to go back to the State. Even if we are entirely sure what we can spend it on, we do know that it can be used in Utilities: Water/Sewer without many issues.



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Gregg: Harold stated that he felt that we should put it toward the test well for sure that is scheduled to be done 2/28/22.

Griewahn: Stated that he was told by Consumer's energy that we might be getting a rebate on the generator's that we have ordered. He also reiterated that the March Board of Review has been published and posted.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Chris McAllister, Supervisor of Fairfield Twp. wanted to thank Tim Watterson for all his help with the water system, and Nic Wilson for his help with the Fire Department in Fairfield.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk