



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of March 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 BOARD MTG MINUTES 2/14/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 2/14/2023. Motion was carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES 2/21/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the Special Board meeting minutes as written for 2/21/2022. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Benschoter, supported by Gregg, to add to new business the conditional use permit for 4015 Treat Hwy. for dog grooming. Motion was carried 7-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden announced that Spring Clean-up will be on April 8, 2023 from 8-Noon. Residents can bring items for disposal to the Safety Complex location at 4002 S. Adrian Hwy, and that yard waste and branches can be unloaded at the Slusarski location. Since the ice storm, there will be a limit on the size of debris that will be acceptable due to liability reasons of our volunteers and workers. No tree trunks, no branch bigger than 6" in diameter.

Clerk Moden also described the type of tree damage that was done by the ice storm to the two township cemeteries. The cost to clean up those areas and the Police Dept., which also had tree damage, was over \$4000.00 and that cost was sent to our First Insurance company and was rejected due to lack of coverage for that type of damage. There were no insured buildings damaged and there is only gravestone coverage for vandalism and mischief.



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Supervisor Griewahn stated that the Board of Review was scheduled to meet on March 13 and 16 to hear residents and property owners petitions regarding their property tax billings. The schedule of times and appointments have been posted.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Supervisor Griewahn welcomed various members of the Sand Creek Community School Board.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson reported that they had a tremendous schedule of calls resulting from the ice storm and resulting power outage issues. Otherwise, things seem to be status quo, all ambulances are back in operation at this time.

Police: Chief Shadbolt reported that they have been busy with complaints of all types, double the number of arrests, received lots of data on the speeding sign. The officers were required to man intersections and roads where wires were down, and there was also a homicide in Madison Twp. during this time as well, being handled by the county sheriff's dept. Still working with Sand Creek Community Schools on SRO, looking at applicants. Working on complaints with Castleberry.

Water/Sewer: Watterson reported that there was nothing major, that the permit for the well was turned into EGLE. The ice storm did affect the system but was quickly backed up. Suggested that the ARPA funds and costs be given to a financial advisor so that bonds or other means of financing the new well project.

Inspection: No representative present.

Legal: 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 2/20/2023:

Michelle Johnson, Chairperson of the Planning Commission read the minutes of the 2/20/23 meeting. She explained the need to provide an annual report, a yearly calendar and to approve the three-year terms of certain commission members. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter, that the minutes be approved, and the three members terms be approved. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

First Reading – Administrative amendment to wording in Ordinance 43 – Marijuana Facilities.



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Road Work Budget: Supervisor Griewahn went over the documents that the Lenawee County Road Commission provided at our annual meeting with them in March, outlining the work to be done in 2023 with Madison Township projects and the costs involved, documents were also made available to the public at the meeting.

As part of the proposed work to be done Supervisor Griewahn made a motion to make a budget adjustment to the Maintenance and Repair Acct 101-265-930-000 for adding \$15,000.00 to cover the costs that are upcoming in 2023, motion was supported by Rodgers. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Conditional Use Permit – Dog Grooming/Taylor – Corner of 4015 Treat & E. Carleton Rd.

Griewahn presented the board with a motion, supported by Rodgers to approve the conditional use of Dog Grooming for the property at 4015 Treat Hwy. It was stated that it would not include overnight boarding, but could possibly be used for some training purposes, that there would be little to no weekend hours at all on the property. Motion carried 7-0

Land Split – 2702 E. Gorman Rd - Salazar.

Clerk Moden reported that she had received an email from Tara Salazar at 3/14/23 at 2:22 p.m. that she wanted to have her land considered in the April Board Meeting, not the March meeting. Motion by Moden, supported by Carpenter, to delay this land split until the April Board meeting agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Land Split – 5000 block of Sand Creek Hwy – Dickerson

David Dickerson is requesting that his AG-1 zoned property be split into three different parcels from the original 21.78 acres. These parcels meet the required road frontage per David Rincon, Zoning Administrator and he recommends approval by the board. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Carpenter to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Board of Review Alternate Replacement:

Supervisor Griewahn stated that he had received notice that George Loveland, a member of the Board of Review, had resigned for personal reasons and that the township needed to replace him as soon as possible. Rebecca Liedel has been contacted by Supervisor Griewahn and is willing to serve in this vacancy. Motion by Griewahn to appoint Rebecca Liedel to the Board of Review vacancy, supported by Rodgers. Motion Carried 7-0.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Bales: Stated that since there were people in the audience for this meeting, he asked if the board was required to give them answers, Attorney Castleberry stated no, it was the board's option to do so.

Carpenter: The subject of Conditional Use Permits was brought up, and he along with Trustee Bales felt that it was ridiculous that per our ordinance that every five years that people have to reapply for a new conditional use permit if nothing has changed. They felt that the permit should stay with the property owner for the use that was approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Dale Thielan, 2643 W. Gier Rd, read a prepared statement to the board consisting of four points of concern. 1). Does not want people serving on the board or committee's that are not in compliance with our township ordinances and regulations. 2). Township ordinances should be updated on the township website, more user friendly. 3). Frustrated with townships current enforcement of "Blight Ordinance" issues, discussed his views on the use of a written Citizen Complaint form being used. 4). He took issue with the behavior of Janet Moden, the Township Clerk at the February 2023 Board Meeting, stating that there were verbal attacks on citizens and board members that were unprofessional and totally unacceptable. Bales explained that we have constant complaints and that is why we have asked for names, so that we know who to respond to.

Ken Thompson, 2222 Porter Hwy, expressed his concern with the amount of junk vehicles and nuisance junk on the property at 2201 Porter Hwy. Is concerned that his property values are affected by the condition of the property at 2201 Porter Hwy, wants to know why something hasn't been done about it, he has complained about it to the township many times.

Mary Thompson, 2222 Porter Hwy, expressed her frustration with the condition of the property at 2201 Porter Hwy and is also wanting something done about it.

Robert O'Leary, 2294 Porter Hwy, stated he would like to see the property at 2201 Porter cleaned up.

Mike Reno, President of Sand Creek Community School Board, addressed the board with a word of appreciation for approving the full time SRO position to be added to our employee roster. Stated that the school is anxious to get started, as they have to have people in place by August 2023 for their grant to be viable to use for this position. The school is asking that the board provide them with a memorandum of agreement with the schools. A motion by Bales, supported by Gregg to provide a MOA to Sand Creek Schools be approved after passing legal review. Motion carried 7-0.



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Peggy Jo Sager, 2315 W. Carleton Rd. stated that the township should provide a place where township residents can take all their ice storm landscape damage and dump it, like Adrian Twp and Adrian City do. Bales responded that due to a lack of manpower and that the charges to dump this debris would be costly, since the township does not own property that could be used for this type of disposal.

Norm Schutte, 2201 Porter Hwy, responded to the allegations about the condition of his property by stating that he had been working with Dave Rincon in the past year and that he was not out of compliance that he knew of. The stuff that he has at his property is like art to him, that there are no appliances in his yard, he stated he collects things that are precious to him, like others collect art, not for me to say. It's not going to be spic and span.

Nic Wilson, Fire Chief noted to the Sand Creek School members his appreciation for the opportunity to work with them in safety issues for the students. He also stated that the township website is being totally redone but not ready yet to launch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk