



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of March 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, Benschoter, and Bales. Absent: Rodgers and Carpenter.

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 2/8/2022. Motion was carried 5-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: No

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden read the following publications and communications received:

- Guide for Storage Units for Seniors be added to our website for our residents to access.
- Catherine Cobb Safe House (Domestic Violence) asking for residents to donate to their Non-Profit cause.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Nic Wilson reported

Police: Chief Shadbolt

Water/Sewer: Watterson reported

Inspection: Dave Rincon reported

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None



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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 2/24/2022

Gregg read the minutes of the meeting and submitted a motion to approve as read, supported by Bales. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Gregg, supported by Griewahn to maintain records of ARPA expenditures as proof to the State of Michigan of our use of the money, which can also be documented through our auditors and township attorney. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gregg, supported by Griewahn to designate the use of the ARPA grant money of \$434,000 for Water and Sewer infrastructure such as a test well, gas generators and an additional production well on township property. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 3/7/2022

Benschoter read the minutes of the meeting and submitted a motion to approve as read, supported by Moden. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Benschoter supported Gregg to accept the presented tentative Police Union contract with a few “typo” corrections that is valid from 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New Fire Chief Employment Contract:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter that the board accept the non-union employment contract agreement with Nic Wilson as the current Fire Chief, and that Supervisor Griewahn is authorized to sign the contract. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

4732 Livesay Land Split, Steve Waltz:

Building Official, Rincon presented his approved plans for the above property to be split at the request of Steve and Eva Waltz, property owners of their 109.46 acres, property containing a pole barn and silo that consisted of 2.32 acres. Motion by Gregg, supported by Griewahn that the board approve the land split at 4732 Livesay as requested. Motion carried 5-0.



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ESO Fire Department Software Purchase:

Fire Chief Wilson explained to the Board the need to purchase new software to log the information that is required from them by the State, and that the current software, Firehouse has been bought out and “mothballed” by the purchasing company ESO and will no longer support Firehouse. Therefore Chief Wilson is recommending to the board that we purchase new software, and he looked at both ESO and Imagetrend and his recommendation is to go with ESO at a cost of \$6,389 per year and an additional cost this year for Set Up fees for moving information over to the new software from Firehouse. This would be an increase cost of \$1,702.00 per year from Firehouse, with an increase of \$4,577.00 this year due to set-up fees.

Motion by Bales, supported by Griewahn that the township purchases the recommended ESO fire department software for the above amount yearly and set up costs this year. Motion carried 5-0.

Building Official Emergency Vehicle Use: Clerk Moden presented a policy to clarify the use of the current Building Official use of the current township issued vehicle for that position and the clarification of it is approved use. Motion by Moden, supported by Griewahn to accept and approved the presented Policy “Explanation and details regarding the use of the Building Official Vehicle for use as an Emergency Vehicle when needed. Motion carried 5-0.

Raising Dept. Head Spending Limit before Board Approval is Required:

Motion by Griewahn, supported by Bales that the Limit go from \$1500 to \$2000 that any dept head without Board Approval, due to the rising costs of things purchased. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel and Fire & Police committee Chairmanship Appointments: At the February Board Meeting, Trustee Rodgers asked to be removed from the Chair position of these two committees. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Bales that Trustee Benschoter replace Rodgers as chairperson of both the Personnel Committee and Police and Fire Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Committee Chairmanship Appointment: Motion by Griewahn, supported by Benschoter to appoint Trustee Rodgers to the Chairperson position on the Safety Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS:

Bales: Suggested that Tim Watterson, Utilities Dept. Head attend the Finance and Sewer/Water committee meetings with regards to the ARPA funds.

Griewahn: He read a memo from 2015 with regards to the policy of letting emergency vehicles in police and fire vehicles run idling when not in use, since the cost of gas has increased so



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recently the Supervisor recommends that we continue to be mindful of the use of our vehicles in all departments. Police Chief rebutted that some of their serious electronics issues in their Police cars has been attributed to frequent turning the engine off and on.

It was also reported that the Planning Commission is working on getting information from other area townships and comparing the ordinances for Wind and Solar issues.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Resident Karen Gray asked if the board had a policy on the type of organizations that can be linked to our website or not. Griewahn stated that we do not, Attorney Lucas suggested that no links should be allowed, since it would eliminate any discriminating claims against the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk