



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held Electronically due to Covid-19 restrictions from Gov. Whitmer
Minutes of March 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gary Griewahn. Griewahn read a prepared statement regarding the meeting rules regarding using Zoom and the need to get permission from him to speak and to identify the name of the person speaking, for the Clerk to correctly record the minutes of the meeting. Silent prayer time was offered. The pledge to the American Flag was said by all.

ROLL CALL:

Present in person: Griewahn, Gregg, Moden, Carpenter, Liedel and Benschoter. Bales was present electronically.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF February 19, 2021:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter, to dispense reading and approve the special board meeting minutes of 2/19/21. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

All the board members were in attendance at this board meeting. Following motions were made as additions to this meeting's agenda:

Motion by Carpenter, second by Griewahn: In old business add "New Zoning Rates" passed 7-0
Motion by Moden, second by Benschoter: Add to new business, Hiring of part time office replacement and Fairfield/Madison Fire Mgt Agreement, passed 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS :

Clerk Moden announced that the Spring Clean Day will be held on April 10, 2021 from 8:00 to Noon at the same place, the corner parking lot of W. Carleton Rd and M-52. Details are posted on our Township Website – madisontwp.com

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None



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LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Liedel, supported by Gregg to approve the consent agenda: Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-No. Motion Carried 6-1. Bales stated it didn't address the Lizzie legal issue.

During the 2-minute Dept. Head update Tim Watterson briefed the board on the recent changes in his department. Peggy Sue Defore was hired as a PT Admin. Asst. filling Caitlyn's old position. Also, there was a resignation of Terry Willett in the Water/Sewer dept and that Tim was recruiting for a replacement for that full time position.

INSPECTOR'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: 3/3/2021

Trustee Carpenter read the meeting minutes and spoke about the discussion on FAQ by Homeowners and contractors. He also presented that there was discussion on Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer job title of Appointed Dangerous building Hearing Officers as printed There was also a lengthy discussion on the Building Official/Zoning Official with regards to pay and it was agreed to have the Personnel Committee implement the structure.

Carpenter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Building Official Rincon submitted a written Building Permit Fee Schedule that set a flat rate for most of the current fees. He also suggested that the Zoning Fee be increased to \$55.00 to match the corresponding building fees.

A motion by Carpenter, supported by Griewahn to adjust the Building Permit fees were to be increased, and the Zoning Permit Fee was also to be raised to \$55.00 to match the other building fees. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

UPDATE ON BOARD OF REVIEW: Supervisor Griewahn stated that the Board of Review meetings were being held in person and Zoom as needed, and were going really well.



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UPDATE ON ALL CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES WITH FRED LUCAS

Fred Lucas stated that at the moment there are no pending lawsuits or open property sales with the township. He did state that it appears that in talking with Consumers Energy the best route for the township is to set up a special assessment for the property owners in Rivers Edge to pay the township for streetlights. There would be no increased cost to the residents, by tax or fees, just that they would be billed for the special assessment on their yearly Winter tax bills each year. Before this can be enacted there will have to be a public hearing before the board can approve this action.

There was some discussion about the City of Adrian wanting Madison Twp. to pay for Miles Dr. in the City of Adrian, near Sterling Estates Mobile Home Park, to be improved. Mr. Lucas stated that the City can not force us to pay anything toward these improvements. Chief Ryan Rank also stated that the City can not legally close the exit onto Miles Dr. due to it being a fire exit to the Park. Bales stated that the City Engineer had to have approved this at the time the City approved the land use during it's inception.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rex Murphy – Assessor presented two land splits for board approval

LAND SPLIT – 2850 E. US 223 – Behm/Anderson

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

LAND SPLIT – 3000 Block of Baldwin Hwy. – The Isles Dev. LLC – Jim Palmer

Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

2021 Road Work From County Road Commission

Supervisor Griewahn made a motion, supported by Gregg to accept the Lenawee County Road Commission recommendations for Road Work in Madison Twp for 2021. With the Budgeted amount of \$310,00; and \$228,916. with already projected work assigned for use. . Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

ADDED TO AGENDA - Fairfield Twp./Madison Twp Fire Dept. Management Agreement

Clerk Moden presented a document for approval that sets about parameters of agreement for Madison Twp. to be the acting management party of the Fairfield Twp. Fire and EMS. The motion was made by Liedel, included Fairfield Fire/EMS Dept. management on a month by



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month basis at \$1250.00 per month, until such time Fairfield Twp has the opportunity re-organize the Fire/EMS operations for their township, this motion was supported by Griewahn. . Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:

Carpenter: Stated that he feels the Zoning official should be compensated and that the personnel committee should get it hammered out.

Gregg: Stated that as far as zoning permit numbers for 2020 there were 54 permits and 6 land splits or what equated to approx. one permit per week.

Liedel: Ask that there be a Personnel Committee Meeting set up for March 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to talk about the replacement of the open job in Sewer/Water DPW.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote taken: Gregg-Yes, Griewahn-Yes, Moden-Yes, Liedel-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk