



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of April 11, 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, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales. Rodgers absent excused.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 3/14/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 3/14/2023. Motion was carried 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg, to add to new business a closed session for personnel issues. Motion was carried 6-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Supervisor Griewahn welcomed James Douglas, board member of the Lenawee County District Library. He gave a brief history of the County Library system and the more current additions and renovations to the County Library costing 2 million dollars in 2022. He announced that August 8, 2023 there will be an election set for a 10-year renewal of the .60 millage. He invited everyone present to an Open House on Sunday, May 21, from 2 pm to 4 pm to tour the facility.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson reported that this month has been pretty normal with no real issues.

Police: Chief Shadbolt reported that they have been busy with complaint calls of all types, Working on complaints with Castleberry in the pre-trial stages currently.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson reported that there had been a visit from EGLE in regards to inspection of our utilities services. Minor changes are needed to be in full compliance with measurements needed. Plan to do hydrant flushing in the near future, no dates set yet. Have reached out to Miller Canfield legal office regarding the funding for the new water well, would request that the board hold a special meeting to have a dedicated presentation from this firm. Our sewer usage is up due to the heavy rains lately.

Inspection: Dave Rincon reported that Madison had several land splits this month, he had several contacts with a commercial tire company possibly interested in property in the township. Adrian township has currently several commercial projects.

Legal: Castleberry reported no response on the WalMart tax tribunal

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; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 3/17/2023: : Benschoter read the minutes of the meeting and made a motion to approve them as read, supported by Carpenter. Motion carried 6-0

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4/10/2023: Benschoter read the minutes of the meeting and made a motion to approve them as read, supported by Carpenter. Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading – Administrative amendment to wording in Ordinance 43 – Marijuana Facilities. Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to make the changes to Ordinance #43 Marijuana Facilities. Motion carried 6-0. Changes will be published and posted, and will become effective 30 days from approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split – 4490 Sand Creek Hwy - Coon.

Rincon provided the board with documents for this land split and recommend the board approve this request. Motion by Carpenter, supported by Gregg, to approve this land split. Motion carried 6-0.



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Land Split – 5267 Sand Creek Hwy – Emerson

Kirk Emerson is requesting that his AG-1 zoned property be split into two different parcels from the original 134.7 acres. These parcels meet the required road frontage per David Rincon, Zoning Administrator and he recommends approval by the board. Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried 6-0

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Supervisor Griewahn stated that he had received notice that Rusty Benschoter, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, had resigned that position on the committee. Motion by Griewahn to appoint Chad Rodgers back to the position of Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, supported by Bales. Motion Carried 6-0.

7:33 p.m.

Motion to go into closed session by Gregg, supported by Benschoter. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

7:45 p.m.

Motion by Benschoter, supported by Bales to reopen the meeting. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to authorize Castleberry to sign a letter of engagement on behalf of Madison Township. Motion carried 6-0

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Kathy Timms – 2975 Park Dr. – Asked why we don't have the Tornado Siren working any longer. Fire Chief Wilson explained that it hasn't worked in years, that it would cost 30 – 40K to get it up working, but even if it was working it could only be heard if you were outside, and maybe not at all in the Airport Section. The county has an alert system for cell phones now that may be more useful.

Connie Hindley – Stated that as a “walker” in the Elmwood/Airport Rd area, the speeders on those roads are very dangerous and come very close to people walking.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Moden mentioned that the Clean Up on April 8 went very well, for it being a holiday weekend. We had as many bringing trash as we had bringing landscape waste. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk