



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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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 April 12, 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.

## APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: 3/8/2022

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 3/8/2022. Motion was carried 7-0.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: No

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** Per Supervisor Griewahn a letter from Comcast to notify our residents that on May 12<sup>th</sup> Xfinity will no longer be providing Fox Sports in their cable packages.

## INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

## LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

## 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Chief Nic Wilson reported that Fairfield FD has lost their EMS licensure, they have gotten a few new applications to consider, hoping to build the FD back up. They will take a good look at everything in the June/July timeframe to see where it is all going from here. Madison's new tower fire truck is due to show up by this Friday, there will be a lot of training needed for personnel to the operation and driving skills, as this is a completely different truck from what we had, as well as longer.

**Police:** Chief Shadbolt reported that they are busy following up on complaints, some are trials for the shootings from last year. The officers will be taking courses on the Virtual Academy for on-line credits. The cost for this is \$45.00 per officer.



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**Water/Sewer:** Watterson reported that they plan to do Hydrant Flushing between May 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The observation well vendor is expected to be back on site by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Inspection:** Dave Rincon reported the construction is up. Green Acres is going forward. There was one land split this month and there is already three lined up for next month. There is a special event permit for Cinco De Mayo event on May 7<sup>th</sup>, as well as Food Vendor permits issued.

He reported that there has been a miscommunication with one of the township's inspectors but that he is staying on as an inspector for the township at this time.

**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: 3/25/2022**

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

Motion by Gregg, supported by Griewahn to join the Michigan Municipal League as a full member and to approve up to \$5,000.00 to spend on the yearly membership fee. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Gregg, supported by Carpenter to add \$5,000.00 to account 101-265-805-000 for contractual services. Motion Carried 7-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Bridging A Gap Gaming Resolution:**

A local non-profit is asking the township to make a resolution to the State to allow them to hold raffles in the community, as they are set up to help out local residents that are terminally ill and have financial problems from medical bills. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers that the board accept the resolution to approve this action by Bridging A Gap. Motion carried 7-0. Resolution approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **5244 Sand Creek Hwy. Land Split, Holmes:**

Building Official, Rincon presented his approved plans for the above property to be split at the request of Janet Holmes, property owners of their 2.69 acres, original property consisted of 22.98



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acres of farmland. Motion by Carpenter, supported by Benschoter that the board approve the land split at 5244 Sand Creek Hwy. as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Budget Amendment:**

Due to the increase in projects and the cost of materials, the budget for road Maintenance and repair needs to be amended. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to move \$53,000 to acct 204-446-930.000 Road Fund. Motion carried 7-0. Tim Watterson asked that the board give him a list of the road projects for 2022.

### **Community Action Agency Water Asst. Program:**

The board was approached by the Community Action Agency of Lenawee County to participate in their Water Assistance Program. This program assists people who are eligible in paying their water bills, to avoid their water being shut off for non-payment. Currently the township's policy is 10 days, this change would only affect those people who qualify under the county program to extend those days to 90 days from the last payment, allowing time for this agency to make payment on their behalf. Motion by Gregg, supported by Rodgers that the board amend its water shut off policy to include language that would allow the Community Action Agency to participate with our policy as requested. Motion was carried 6-1, Carpenter dissenting.

**Planning Commission Committee Appointment of Norm Schutte:** Motion by Griewahn, supported by Benschoter to appoint Norm Schutte to the planning commission committee to replace Craig Demlow who resigned in March. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Benschoter reported that the committee is meeting monthly to work on producing a Solar and Wind Ordinance to be adopted by the board later.

### **Cemetery Lawn Care Bids:**

Letters were sent out to nine local lawn vendors for bids on the care of Madison Cemetery and Hunt Cemetery. Three bids were received back, Hook's Landscape, Cut Right Landscape and Bundy's Lawn Care.

Motion by Moden, supported by Rodgers to the accept the lowest bid, which was a township resident, which was Hook's Landscape, 4100 Shumway Rd. Mr. Hooker is willing to sign a two-year contract for the same price as bid. Motion carried 7-0.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

Moden: Stated that there were possible plans to use grant money for the state for election security of \$1500 per precinct to install a built-in night deposit box, similar to those used by



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banks and ATMs with video surveillance, to meet the requirements set forth by the State to handle Absentee Ballot collection as well as other Township business.

Notice is given for clean up of the Cemeteries should be done before April 15<sup>th</sup>, otherwise those things left on the graves will be thrown away.

Notice will be in the Telegram in May that is the nuisance ordinance for grass height.

Letters will be going out soon to people who have worked as election inspectors in the past that trainings will be done during either the month of June or July. All workers have to be trained again, as their certification is only good for two years. Anyone interested in being an election worker needs to contact the Clerk, workers are always needed.

Carpenter: Wanted to thank the residents for using the Spring Clean up services to continue to keep their properties in good condition by participating each year.

Legal/Lucas: Lucas stated that the Walmart appraisals were in for the Tax Tribune suit, that it was set to go to trial on July 5<sup>th</sup>, no settlement offers have been made as of yet. He was confident in the appraisal that our appraiser did was particularly good. There appeared to be approximately one-million-dollar difference between the two appraisals.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Resident Michelle Johnson stated that the Health Dept. is looking for land to use to set traps for ticks and mosquito, and if the township would be willing to allow them to use the township property to do so.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk