



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically due to Covid-19 restrictions from Gov. Whitmer.
Minutes of June 8, 2021

7:00 p.m. Regular 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, Liedel, Benschoter, Carpenter and Bales. All present.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF May 11, 2021:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter, to dispense reading and approve May Board meeting minutes of 5/11/21. 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:

Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Gregg to add an Agenda item of 3 minutes for each Dept. Head to give the Board highlights of their department's activities. Vote taken 7-0 to accept.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Present was resident Mrs. Jacobs from 1908 Allen St. regarding the tall grass in the Meadows Subdivision, also with her was Tiffany Brown regarding the same complaint. Bales told them to fill out a formal complaint form with all the information for our Ordinance officer to work off of. Rincon said that the property in question was recently purchased and that he would notify the new owner/contractor/developer of their responsibility for keeping the grass cut at least twice a month.



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3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire Chief Rank: Paramedic Jake Munger resigned his position effective June 11, 21 for a full-time position with Dearborn FD. He stated that the position was posted, and that a conditional job offer was extended to FF/Paramedic Ed Mathis who had 15 years on Adrian City FD and as Fire Chief for years with Raisin Twp. His start date should be on June 21, 21 if everything is passed. He also reported that FF/EMT Mark Swinehart is off on Worker's Comp for three tears in his knee, for that reason they will have to hire a temp to cover his shifts until he is recovered.

Police Chief Shadbolt: Stated that the department has been very busy with multiple types of crimes to investigate. Stated that the Ordinance officer is busy with grass and illegal parking complaints.

Water/Sewer Manager Watterson: Reported that recent hire Dylan Little-Lyon was terminated and that he is currently in the process for looking for someone to fill that full-time position. He spoke at length about the issues he is having with the well motors, while they have been replaced he still feels that there are other issue causing the motor life to be shorter than normal, and he is investigating electric with Consumers Energy and Motor Manufacturers. Feels it could have something to do with power surges and/or variable frequency drives recommended.

Building Official Rincon: Very busy, the Hampton of Madison assisted living project is scheduled to open in mid-August. It is coming in as a 21 million dollar project. The ZBA approved the sign for that project. Casa Villa condo's are scheduled to start building two building, or 4 condo's shortly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve a consent agenda by Bales, supported by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

HB 4209 PA 281 MARIJUANA COMMITTEE – 5/26/21:

Minutes from the meeting were read by Bales, in which he discussed the licencing fees and how they work. He explained that when they come in to get their building permits, zoning permits, they will pay the normal building fees. Only when they come in for an occupancy permit will they be charged the 5K fee for the Marijuana permit. That 5k fee will be paid to the township annually for each permit that they are operating under at their location. It was noted that the minutes need to be corrected under the Construction bullet in the minutes to read "-----" Motion by Bales, seconded by Gregg to accept the minutes with the correction. Approved 7-0.



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OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dept. Head Contracts – Rincon only:

Discussion began with Moden explaining that all the changes to the other Dept Heads changes had been made to the Rincon contract. The discussion about the amount of stipend for education was changed to \$1000. She explained that she had sat down with Rincon to add up the yearly costs for him to keep up his certifications required by the Township for his position as Building Official and now Zoning Inspector. She explained that the money in his department budget (\$600) should be left there for educational expenses for items that he needs to go to, that are extra to the certification expenses, i.e. seminars, etc.

A motion by Moden, supported by Liedel to accept the four-year contract that includes pay for the zoning and building official work for Rincon as submitted to the Board today. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Bales asked the question “has the township ever paid Rincon for the added zoning work that was done from the time that he started the position in February 2021 until his new contract effective date of Aril 13, 21? It has not been paid to him for that period, Moden said she would research and pay it if approved by the board.

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter, that the board approve the payment of \$2.00/hr. for zoning for the time period of mid-February to April 13, 2021 with a cap of not more than \$600.00 total. Roll Call Vote taken: Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, Liedel- Yes and Bales-Yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

STD/LTD INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Clerk Moden stated that she had been in contact with First Insurance Agent Amanda Brown who got her quotes for Short Term Disability/Long Term Disability coverage for all our full time regular employees and also quotes for just our full time non-union employees. This was done as a possible measure to eliminate or lessen the amount of sick time that our employees can accumulate. Currently they are allowed to accumulate over 960 hours, which currently is unfunded in the budget and is earned at a lower wage rate and paid out at their current wage rate. This has become a cause of great concern and needs to be adjusted in the financial best interest of the Township going forward. Hartford Ins. came in with the best quote, the affected employee’s asked if there was a possibility they could buy voluntary insurance to buy up the 60% that the Township STD/LTD would pay if they are off sick, the quote for that insurance came from a carrier called Reliance, which would be similar to the AFLAC that some of our employees currently purchase. Moden suggested that she would like to give Personnel Committee Chairman Liedel the information that she has accumulated for the Personnel



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Committee to meet and discuss. Motion by Moden, seconded by Griewahn to table this matter to the Personnel Committee. Motion approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split – 6321 Sand Creek Hwy. – Doug Elliott:

Rex Murphy presented and approved a property at 6321 Sand Creek Hwy. for a land split. It would split off an existing house on 1.73 acres for residential use. Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Gregg to approve the land split. Motion approve 7-0.

Towing Bid:

Police Chief Shadbolt reported that 5 bid proposals were sent out for bid, three were returned. He reviewed them all, Poe's Towing, Neill's Towing and Affordable Towing. The Chief stated that Poe's and Neill's were close, so he would like to award the bid to Poe's and use Neill's as a backup if the need arises, this is a two-year bid agreement.

Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Benschoter to award the towing agreement to Poe's Towing. Motion approved 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Moden: Announced that the 2012 Caprice Police car had be sold to the highest bidder at \$3300.00. There were 3 bids.

Benschoter: Suggested that we schedule a Special Board Meeting and get Lori Hall from First Insurance down here and get the new handbook wrapped up, in a working session on the morning of June 29. Clerk Moden stated she would get everyone copies of the Township Handbook that has been in the works for over a year, so everyone would have a copy of what has already been changed and where it stands today. Everyone will be informed of the time of the meeting once she is able to contact Lori Hall, as to her availability on the 29th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:

Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes, 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Janet Moden
Township Clerk