



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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*Supervisor*  
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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 August 9, 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 Carpenter. Absent Bales and Rodgers.

### APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: 7/12/2022

Motion by Benschoter, supported by Gregg to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 7/12/2022. Motion was carried 5-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Supervisor Griewahn introduced Lynn Punnett from the Lenawee Community Foundation who addressed the board about the housing issues this group is trying to address in Lenawee County. Her purpose was to let the board know that they have applied for two million dollars from the county to do a customized housing study, that she stated we would receive a copy of once it is completed as part of their first step in the process. She explained that the second part of the process would be part of a strategic housing plan for our township at a cost of \$6300. as Madison has about 8% of the county population. This part would be done by CIV Planning with Sharon Woods as the lead. She was asking the board if they would be interested in joining in to get this information. No action was taken by the board, more research is needed.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

### 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Chief reported that the department has gone live with their new computer software “ESO” program, there is still a lot of work to be done in it to customize it to their needs.



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**Police:** Chief Shadbolt reported that the railroad construction had caused several issues at crossings with impatient motorists. Issues at Walmart have kept them busy, and there has been to stolen vehicles in the last week from Enterprise Car Rental with people renting cars and not returning them.

**Water/Sewer:** Watterson reported the Fairfield water tower has been down for internal cleaning and repairs as well as painted. He is working with Michigan Municipal League to see if we would be eligible for some grants for water/sewer in the future.

**Inspection:** Dave Rincon reported the Madison Twp has just given out it's first Marijuana Permit for Operations to the 2growit LLC. (Feltman) this month. He stated that Sheely's group is getting close to getting a permit to operate as well. He stated that he will be meeting with the inspectors next week to discuss their contract agreements with Madison Twp.

**Legal:** Fred Lucas, township attorney, reported that he had heard nothing back from Dale Smith, attorney for Shadwald on the purchase of land for another water well.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None

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

**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution Celebrating Lenawee County's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Resolution was read and presented for approval by Griewahn and supported by Benschoter. Motion passed 5-0.

**Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes 7/25/22:**

Minutes of the meeting were read and presented for approval by Carpenter and supported by Gregg. Motion passed 5-0.

**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 8/1/22:**

Minutes of the meeting were read and presented for approval by Benschoter and supported by Griewahn. Motion passed 5-0.



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## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 8/3/22:

Minutes of the meeting were read and presented for approval by Gregg and supported by Griewahn. Motion passed 5-0.

Recommendation by finance committee to purchase new police body cameras was placed as a motion to approve by Gregg and seconded by Griewahn. Motion passed 5-0.

There was discussion by the Police Chief, Shadbolt that he had been approached by Madison School Board about the possibility of Madison Twp hiring another full-time police officer that could also be used as a Madison School Resource Officer during the school year. They mentioned that the school would pay 75% of the wages and benefits of this officer and the township would pay 25%. He also said that we have not replaced the part-time officer that was responsible for Ordinance violations, and that this full-time officer could do that work when not at the school, or during the summer when school is out. He also stated that he will be contacting Sand Creek schools and Prairie School, which are also located in Madison Twp. They may also be willing to share in the 75% cost with Madison Schools if this becomes an add to the police department at some point,

## Budget Amendments:

249-172-751.000	\$1,000.00	Gas & Oil
101-301-740.000	\$2,500.00	Operation Supplies
101-301-751.000	\$10,000.00	Gas & Oil
101-266-822.000	\$40,000.00	Legal Counsel

The large amount for legal counsel was directly related to the Walmart Tax Tribunal with the law firm that represented the township and the county.

Motion Gregg, supported by Benschoter to make the four budget adjustments presented by the Treasurer. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Carpenter, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS: None

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Resident Victoria Powell asked the board about the amount of money the township received for ARPA and where we got it from. Gregg told her that Madison Twp received \$868,000.00 and that it came from the Federal Govt. She then asked it came through the County to us, she was told no, that it came directly from the Federal Govt. She asked the board if they were aware that the townships could have applied to the County for additional funds for projects, the answer was "no". She stated that the County had not made the offer to apply known and it had a time limit to apply which has since expired. She stated that Palmyra and another township had applied. It was stated that this boards current plans were to use the monies on such projects as generators, roofing, new water well and other long term infrastructure needs. Ms. Powell also asked about the length of time a recreational vehicle can



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be in a driveway in a residential area, she was told 48 hours, otherwise it has to be behind the front edge of and on the side of the house or behind the house. She also asked if there was a sign ordinance about objectionable language signs in people's yards. Fred Lucas answered that we can not regulate signs of that nature as it is freedom of speech.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk