



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of September 13, 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. All present.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: 8/9/2022

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 8/9/2022. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk read notification of Hazardous Waste collection at Wacker Chemical on Sutton Rd. on Oct 1, 2022. It will be posted on our website.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief reported that the Fire Dept. is working with Sand Creek schools on revamping their fire and tornado drills and routes of safety.

Police: Chief Shadbolt reported that a proposal for a School Resource Officer was sent to Madison School. He also reported that retail thefts are up and all of his officers are back to work.

Water/Sewer: Watterson reported that the Fairfield Water Tower is back in service. We are doing hydrant flushing in Madison Twp. He reported that our water tower is due to be repainted



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next year. He stated that our tower maintenance contractor doesn't include cleaning of the mold that is on the outside of the tower.

Inspection: Dave Rincon reported there are 4 new homes being built, Baker is still working on condo's and Casa Homes is coming along also. In Adrian Twp. a 109 acre solar farm in soon.

Legal: Fred Lucas, township attorney, reported that he had sent letters to the schools involved with the Walmart Tax as well as Kim Murphy of the County regarding sharing the cost of legal council on this matter.

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.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 9/8/22:

Meeting minutes were read and presented for approval by Bales, and supported by Carpenter, motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bales, supported by Gregg to approve the bid from All Phase Roofing of \$98,700 + 10% above total cost for contingencies, to repair and replace the roofs on the twp. hall in metal, and the funds to come from the ARPA funds. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to approve the bid by JC Mechanical for \$4780.00 to do Cold Air relocation and install ventilation for upstairs storage area. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to approve the bid by Slusarski Paving and Excavating for \$12,003.00 to do the seal coating and crack fill for all the township parking lots. The price was guaranteed till next spring when the work will be done. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

INSPECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 9/12/22:

Meeting minutes were read and presented for approval by Carpenter, and supported by Bales, motion carried 7-0.



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Motion by Carpenter, supported by Rodgers to approve the recommendation to increase the Inspector’s fee for inspections from \$55. To \$65. due to the fact that we are currently the lowest fee in the county and the increase in fuel prices. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Carpenter, supported by Rodgers to approve the recommendation to increase the Land Split fees for single from \$50. to \$150 and multiple from \$200. to \$300. due to the fact that there is large amounts of time and research needed to inspect the background of land splits. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

At this point a motion was made by Gregg, supported by Bales to make adjustments to the budget for the above approved capital outlay needed to pay for the various departments, including DPW, Water, Police and Fire for roofing costs and other approved improvements.

592-536-971-000	Capital Outlay	\$41.5k	DPW
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101-301-971-000	Capital Outlay	\$32.0k	Police
101-336-971-000	Capital Outlay	\$19.0k	Fire

Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In last months meeting the board was presented with a request to participate in and provide monies, in the suggested amount of \$6,300, by a representative of Lenawee Community Foundation for dealing with housing issues in the county and setting up a strategic housing plan. After discussion by the board as to the lack of knowing exactly what the board would get for spending this money and the relevance to our township needs, if any a motion by Benschoter, supported by Gregg was made to NOT approve the spending of the requested \$6300.00 for a strategic housing plan at this time. Motion carried 7-0



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NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split for 2000 blk of Porter Hwy. – Shadewald Trust

Information was presented to the board from Building Official, David Rincon recommending that the board approve the land split presented. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to approve the land split at 2000 blk of Porter Hwy. as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Legal representation for Firefighters Contract Negotiations:

The current Madison Township Firefighter’s Union, Local 4225 contract expires 12/31/2022. A motion by Moden, supported by Benschoter to approve the use of Township Attorney Helen “Lizzie” Mills as chief negotiator for the township in the upcoming union negotiations with the union. Motion carried 5-2, dissenting votes were Bales and Rodgers.

Inspector Changes and Removals:

Building Official David Rincon reported that there needed to be some changes made due to performance issues with the Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector. He stated that he had held two different meetings with him about his performance, in the presence of Griewahn and Moden regarding the issues. The inspector sent a letter of demands to the township before he would sign the service agreement given to all inspectors. He was told that service agreement was a non-negotiable document.

Mr. Rincon informed the board that he wished to replace the current Plumbing and Mechanical inspector with Terry Massingil as Plumbing Inspector and Jim Wiech as Mechanical Inspector and to add Paul Hammerstrom Jr. as his backup Building Inspector, to replace Ed Engle who took a full-time position with the City of Tecumseh.

A motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to approve the addition and removal of the above individuals as suggested by Mr. Rincon. Motion carried 7-0

Budget Amendments:

101-262-822.000	\$8,000.00	Fee’s and Meetings – Election Dept.
101-271-826.000	\$3,500.00	Liability Ins. – Ladder Truck
101-651-931.000	\$10,000.00	Vehicle Maint. And Repair
101-271-710.002	\$5,000.00	Short Term/Long Term Disability Insurance
101-262-726.000	\$5,000.00	Supplies Election Dept.



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Motion by Gregg, supported by Rodgers to make the five budget adjustments presented by the Treasurer. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rincon stated the Adrian Twp Solar Farm brought in \$82K building permit for Adrian Twp and he wanted to thank Nic Wilson for his help.

Moden: Talked about elections and absentee ballot confusion with extra forms being sent to voters by the Michigan Democratic group that cause possible duplication of information and lots of time to research.

Griewahn: Small solar language was added to the ordinance on 6/22, once legal prepares the language there will need to be a public hearing on it before it is sent on to the county planning commission. Would like to do the wind and the solar public hearings at the same time.

Bales: He asked where the language is at now? It appears to need to go to legal by Griewahn.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Resident Karen Gray expressed her disappointment that the board chose to not approve the money for the Lenawee Community Foundation, as housing is a problem for the county.

Todd Morgan, candidate for re-election as Judge in Circuit Court made a statement of his qualifications for the position.

Paul Hammerstrom thanked the board for the opportunity to work as back up building inspector.

Bonnie Tejkl of 2930 Baldwin Hwy. expressed that the grass in her area was not being cut appropriately. Police Chief Shadbolt took note.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk