



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Open

Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of September 14, 2021

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. All Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 8/10/2021 Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Board meeting minutes as written for 8/10/2021. Roll Call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 8/25/2021 Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the Special Board meeting minutes as written for 8/25/2021. Roll Call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden announced the opening on the Board of Trustees because of the death of Trustee Larry Liedel in August. The job opening has been published in the Daily Telegram and on our website for all interested parties with the prerequisites for the position. Later the board will vote to appoint someone to the remainder of the elected term in November of 2024.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Our third Ambulance is back in service. Fairfield FD is working to get more people for their roster.

Police: Still down one police car, as they had to have the electrical systems redone. Cheryl Ayers resigned her position of Admin. Asst. for the Police Dept.



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Water/Sewer: Per Bales, the Bohn property water has a potential agreement were Madison would provide the water pipe and hydrants and Feltman would provide the engineering for the water.

Inspection: For the zoning, we have two more possible Marijuana Overlay projects in the works.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Carpenter to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval to use Fahey, Schultz law firm to handle Statewide TrueNorth Law FOIA regarding elections.

Motion by Clerk Moden, supported by Gregg to use Fahey, Schultz lawyer Helen (Lizzie) Mills if needed for consultation regarding election based FOIA. Question on the motion by Carpenter as to why we can't use Fred Lucas. Clerk Moden stated that she has concerns about the type and timeliness of response from Fred. Fred responded that he is quick to respond to all of us. Moden asked why, after Fred agreed in a previous phone conversation with Moden and Gregg that he would copy us on all correspondence, that hasn't been done. Fred stated that he answered all correspondence. Stated that if he doesn't feel qualified in a certain area, such as Tax Tribunal, that he recommends to the Board to use another law firm that does specialize in that area of need. Moden stated that she needed more complete answers to her questions on matters that come up, so that when she has to explain actions to people that she a complete understanding of the direction that the township is taking. After more discussion Clerk Moden agreed to withdraw her motion for approval to use Fahey, Schultz Law firm at this time.

First Reading of Amendments to:

Ordinance 1	Zoning	Temporary Uses
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article II – Section 2.2
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV – Section 4.1
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article IV – Section 4.7
Ordinance 1	Zoning	Article V – Section 5.5.5.b

The following corrected amendments were read in whole, there will be another reading at the next board meeting before it is adopted by the board.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split at 1399 W. Carleton Rd. – Owner Scott McCoy

A land split was recommended by Rex, our township assessor for 1399 W. Carlton Rd. for 12.533 acres for the purpose of hunting ground, includes pond and woods. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Benschoter, to allow this property to be split as recommended. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget Amendments Needed:

249-371-725-000	\$2250.00	Salaries/Fees
249-371-714-002	\$1200.00	Retirement
249-371-714-000	\$500.00	FICA/Medicare
101-301-714-002	\$3000.00	Retirement
592-590-702-000	\$4750.00	Salaries
592-591-702-000	\$4750.00	Salaries
592-590-714-004	\$5000.00	Health Ins./HSA
592-591-714-004	\$5000.00	Health Ins./HSA
592-590-714-001	\$1000.00	FICA/Medicare
592-591-714-001	\$1000.00	FICA/Medicare

Motion by Treasurer Gregg, supported by Benschoter that the above list of budget adjustments be made, since we are in the last of the budget year. Roll Call Vote taken: : Griewahn-Yes, Gregg-Yes, Moden-Yes, Benschoter-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, and Bales-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS:

Moden: Announced that our Police Officers had voted to become unionized on 9-8-21 and it had been sanctioned the Michigan Labor Relations Board. Announced that we already had two applicants for the Trustee position that is open.

Bales: Reiterated the issue with monies being spent on “Lizzie” in the past and never taken care of.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Rod Leon, attorney for AJ Brown/Ace Drill asked the board to reconsider the overlay for this property. He was told that nothing could be done until we received the recommendation back from Region II/County Planning Commission. We may have their answer by the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None



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ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes, 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk