

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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TRUSTEES

Madison Township Special Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of February 21, 2023

7:30 a.m. Special 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, and Carpenter. Bales absent, Florida.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES: None

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Committee Meeting 2/16/2023: Meeting minutes were read and a motion to approve was made by Benschoter, seconded by Rodgers for the 2-16-23 personnel meeting.



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There was much discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a full-time employee since there has been no success in finding job applicants for the part-time police/SRO position at the wage dictated by the Police contract. Currently the Police Chief has one candidate that he is vetting his background for possible selection for the SRO. This particular candidate would have to go through the Police Academy to be certified as a Michigan Law Enforcement Officer. The academy requires 816 hours of study at a cost of \$7750.00 tuition, plus the cost of books and uniforms. Approximately \$4000.00 could be paid by the grant. The current person that has applied is a township resident, prior military, Sand Creek School graduate and currently working for U of M Security. He is also the son of the current Superintendent of Sand Creek Schools, Sharon Smith. The grant that Sand Creek Schools has accepted is for three years at \$131,691.00. This grant would allow Sand Creek Schools to pay Madison Twp. 75% of the yearly cost of wages and benefits for a full time police officer, employed by the township but assigned to Sand Creek Schools as an SRO, during the school year, through a signed Memorandum of Understanding between the school board and Madison Twp Board.

Motion by Moden, supported by Benschoter that Madison Twp hire a full time police officer to serve as SRO for Sand Creek Schools and if the candidate selected is not already a MI certified law enforcement officer, that Madison Twp will sponsor the cost of sending the selected candidate to the police academy.

Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Carpenter, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Carpenter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden Township Clerk