



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of June 13, 2023

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.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 5/09/23:

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 5/9/2023. Motion was carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES 5/19/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the monthly Special Board meeting minutes as written for 5/4/2023. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

Sarah, from Cooley, Hehl, Sabol and Calkins, PLLC, gave a verbal presentation to the board on the Audit of the books for 2022. She stated that it was a clean and unmodified audit, as we have had years before. Detailed audit statements and books were given to each board member.

Jason Schnaidt, from the Lenawee County Road Commission gave a verbal presentation of the expected road work for the next three years. He had hand outs of the work that has been done, the work that will be done in 2023 and the expectations for 2024 and 2025. He expounded on the benefits of Chip Seal and Fog Seal versus re-paving when it came to costs. He stated that they had added E. Carleton Rd. (a County road, not a Township road) to their schedule, when a different project fell through, they hoped to do chip seal and fog seal as well as ditching and culverts.



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LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Nic attended the Dover Twp meeting.

Police: Steady, we were 4th in the county to send cases to the Prosecutor's office this month. Officer Ben Oram is off to SRO training this week. Reminded everyone of the new State Law regarding Mobile Electronics (i.e. Cell Phones) that is going into effect June 30th, 2023, where you are not allowed to be on cell phones or . Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

have it in your hand as a driver at any time.

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that Hydrant flushing had been completed. He stated that he had met with the City of Adrian regarding the cost sharing on the flow metering study and that they agreed to pay half. The study will last about 90 days, hoping for more rain during that time to get good readings for the wet seasons.

Inspection: Rincon stated the Solar project in Adrian Twp is taking a lot of time, plus all of the building permits for the two townships. We are averaging about 100 per month, some of which are for commercial builds.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales 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.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treat Hwy Road Repairs shared with Palmyra Twp.

Township atty, Burke Castleberry, informed the board that monies could not be taken out of the Road Millage fund for the payment of Palmyra Twp. share of the cost of the road repairs. If Madison Twp was going to bankroll Palmyra's portion of the repairs, the money would have to come from the General Fund (for the betterment of the township). Then the bigger question would be, how would Palmyra Twp. pay Madison back at some later date. After much discussion it was decided that Treat Hwy, just North of East Gorman isn't in that bad of shape to get into an agreement with Palmyra at this point. Motion was dropped.



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Planning Commission Chair and Secretary pay increase to \$60.00 from \$30.00.

After much discussion and documentation that the committees all received a raise from \$20.00 per meeting to \$30.00 per meeting in the February 2022 board meeting, a motion by Benschoter to change the per meeting rate to \$60.00 per meeting for the committee chairperson and secretary was not supported and the motion was dropped.

There was later discussion that each committee should have a clear understanding of the rolls and responsibilities of the members of that committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split for 2702 E. Gorman Rd. – Tara Salazar

Rincon presented the board with a request for a land split that he approved as meeting all the necessary requirements. It will split the current 34.4 acres into two parcels, one being 3.78 acres in AG-1 zone. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Carpenter to approve the split as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Allocation of ARPA funds:

Due to some talk by the State of Michigan to use a “clawback” of unallocated ARPA funds with townships, the treasurer stated that he feels we need to designate just where we plan to spend the remaining ARPA funds so that they are not in danger of being taken back. On a motion by Gregg, supported by Bales, that the board allocate the remaining amount be used to buy the Fire Dept. a new Echo Unit and the remaining funds for the Water Project. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

On further discussion, Watterson revealed that we are 3 weeks from getting an engineering statement. This statement of allocation of the ARPA funds will allow us to order in advance supplies that may be more expensive later on. He also stated that he needs to get an agreement from Miller Canfield for bond financing help.

Cemetery Trees Expenditure \$3200.00 for Madison Cemetery:

Clerk Moden presented the board with information about the condition of trees in the Madison Cemetery on E. Carleton Rd. after the Ice Storm in winter of 2023. Currently there are two large trees that are damaged and need to come down, at the East entrance of the cemetery that are in the road right of way, and the County Roads have been notified, but it is put on a wait list for work after Oct of 2023 when they work on trees. There are also three other trees in the cemetery that have damage and have damaged gravestones, that need to be taken down. Due to their size and location, they will need to be brought down by experts at ropes and rigging so as not to damage any headstones. The current quote for doing that by Ropes & Rigging out of Onsted is



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\$3200.00. Motion by Moden, supported by Griewahn to accept this quote and allow them to do the work for \$3200.00. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Gregg supported Bales to amend the budget for \$3200.00 for the Maint/Repair Cemetery fund Acct # 101-567-930-000. Roll call vote: Griewahn, No; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, No; and Bales, No. Motion defeated 3-4.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Bales: Asked if Amanda Lacelle gets paid for doing our land splits but doesn't do them, should we just send Caitlin to training to become an assessor.

Carpenter: Board needs to hammer out the pay on committees before the next Budget time.

Griewahn: Stated that the Board of Review is currently being audited by the State Dept. of Treasury and all seems to be going well.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Dale Thielan: Member of Planning Committee expressed that he felt that the Chairperson and Secretary should be paid the \$60.00 for their position for all the work that they do.

Peggy Sager, resident, stated that she appreciated everyone on the podium that used their microphones when they talked, as her hearing is failing and it nice to be able to hear everyone's voices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk