



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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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 10, 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, Benschoter, Carpenter; absent was Moden, Rodgers and Bales.

### APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 6/13/23:

Motion by Carpenter, supported by Gregg to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 7/13/2023. Motion was carried 4-0.

**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:

**Fire:** Nic stated that the dept had been busy with wheat field fires lately, they intend to run an EMT class in August and also one in October. They would also like to host the fire investigator and fire instructor classes at the station this year.

**Police:** Monthly report was submitted by Chief Shadbolt.

**Water/Sewer:** Reported by Watterson that the permits for the well were approved.

**Inspection:** Inspections for the month were up, there are plans for two new businesses to come into the K-Mart plaza in the future.



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**Legal:** No updates

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Carpenter, supported by Gregg to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, and Carpenter, Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Fire-Police Committee Minutes 7-17-23:**

Gregg read the minutes of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes, supported by Carpenter. Approved 4-0

The committee recommend the Township Board give Nic Wilson the authority to negotiate an exit strategy with Fairfield by Dec 1, 2023 deadline for contracted fire operations management. Motion by Griewahn, supported Gregg to do so. Motion approved 4-0.

## **Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes 7-25-23:**

Meeting minutes were read and a motion to approve by Benschoter, supported by Carpenter. Motion approved 4-0. There was no board action taken on the move to fill current open job positions in the Fire Dept. since there was not additional personnel to be hired for that reason.

## **Planning Committee Meeting Minutes 7-27-23:**

Meeting minutes were read and a motion to approve Gregg, supported by Benschoter. Approved 4-0. There were no zoning changes needed for the Auction House to be located and operated at 2558 Treat Hwy, old Hill's property, per Rincon the Zoning Administrator. The committee recommended the board approve the conditional use permit for use of this same property for the use as an auction house. Motion by Benschoter, supported by Gregg to approve the conditional use permit for an Auction House at 2558 Treat Hwy. Approved 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **Noise Ordinance – No Jake Brakes on M-52 and US 223:**

A letter from a resident, Linda Dejarlais asking the township to eliminate the use of “Jake Brakes” by trucks on M-52 and US 223 portions of our township. After some discussion no board action was taken, more research needs to be done by the township first.



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## **ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

**Carpenter:** Election went smoothly. Website not very handy, needs more input and better information on website, meetings need to be posted. (Meetings are posted, it's a matter of looking in the right place on the new website – J. Moden).

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Resident R. Fischbach presented a letter to the board members about his issues with ordinance 39 and the changes he would like to see be made. No action taken

Resident Michelle Johnson – said that the website was bad. She also stated that the grass around Ed Johnson was over a foot tall.

Resident Bill Gira complained about R. Fischbach letter regarding abandoned vehicles.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**Minutes taken by Benschoter.**

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk