



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of October 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, Moden, Rodgers, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 9/12/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 9/12/2023. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion to add to New Business was made by Bales, supported by Carpenter the report on Central Wastewater Grease Issue. Motion passed 7-0

Motion to add to New Business was made by Moden, supported by Griewahn the need to prepare a resolution on Executive Directive 2020-10 currently before the State Legislation. Motion passed 7-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden read a letter from Comcast regarding their current changes to their Xfinity TV rate increases. She also read a letter of appreciation from Jacob Goudy, Plant Manager of Eden East LLC. for the work and dedication that Building Official, David Rincon did with and for his company, during the inspection process of opening their business. Clerk Moden read a letter from MTA about a legislative alert regarding the need for townships to contact their State congressmen, State senators and Governor regarding the Executive Directive 2020-10. MTA is noting that it is against this Directive that takes local control away from local governments and gives it to the State Public Service Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:



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Fire: The FD received a grant for \$20,000 and they are looking to use most of it for upgrading their PPE gear, which has a usual 5 year life, and the grant is helping to pay for some of our new hired members to pay for their night time EMT training. We also have three people in our Fire Instructors class. Continue to do strategic planning with the Fairfield Fire Dept. and Fairfield Township board.

Police: Lt. Gentner stated that his department had been working on various breaking and entering investigations as well as other juvenile issues.

Water/Sewer: Reported by Watterson that hydrant flushing should be done by the end of October. He stated that Northern Pump was the selected contractor for the Water Project, because they met all of our bid requirements and have a good reputation. There is a Pre-Construction meeting planned with them this coming Monday. Sewer Flow testing is completed and now they are looking at the most egregious areas of concern that showed up in the study.

Inspection: Rincon reported that the Ed Allen homes are still selling, final inspections on the commercial buildings at Eden East LLC. have been completed, waiting for them to give us copies of their State License, before we give them a permit to operate in Madison Twp as a Marijuana grower.

Legal: Castleberry stated that we are waiting for a court date to hear our appeal on the WalMart tax tribunal issue.

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.

Personnel Committee Minutes 9-15-23:

Rodgers read the minutes of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes, supported by Carpenter. Approved 7-0

Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes 9-25-23:

Meeting minutes were read and a motion to approve by Rodgers, supported by Bales. Motion approved 7-0

Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes 10-9-23:

Meeting minutes were read and a motion to approve was made by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter. Approved 7-0. A motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to promote Capt. Josh Boulay and Capt. Stacy Robinson to Assistant Fire Chief positions, at the request of Nic Wilson, Fire Chief on the next regular payroll cycle date. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes;



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Moden, Yes, Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

There was a lengthy discussion among the board members regarding the need to make decisions about the zoning duties and about the hiring process for the Police Chief replacement when Mike Shadbolt retires in January 2024.

A motion by Bales, supported by Carpenter to use the same process to hire that was used to hire Mike Shadbolt, which was to have the board interview the internal eligible candidates based on the current revised Chief of Police job description, at a Special Board Meeting next week. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes, Rodgers, No; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split – 2624 Harwood Rd. – Nicholas and Quinn Wilt

Zoning administrator, David Rincon recommended the land split of a three acre parcel out of a 60.49 acre parcel, owned by David Wilt, for the purpose of residential development. Motion to approve by Carpenter, supported by Rodgers. Motion approved 7-0.

Budget Adjustments:

101-215-726-000	\$2000.00	Clerk’s Supplies
101-301-714-002	\$10,000.00	Retirement
101-336-740-000	\$3,800.00	Operational Supplies – Deleted amount
101-528-940-000	\$3,000.00	Equip. Rental/Garbage Collection
101-567-930-000	\$4,000.00	Maint./Repair Cemeteries
101-651-714-000	\$1,000.00	Life Insurance
249-371-725-002	\$2,000.00	Retirement
249-371-725-001	\$2,500.00	Back up Bldg. Official
592-536-714-002	\$3,250.00	Retirement
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Motion to approve by Rodgers, supported by Bales the above budget adjustments. Carpenter asked about the \$3,800 for Operational Supplies, it was deleted. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes, Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Central Sewer System and the Prison:



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Tim Watterson reported that the Prison is the township's only customer on the Central Sewer System and that we have had issues with the Prison before about the amount of grease that is being discharged to the sewer system. Tim found that there is documentation in the township ordinance that allows the township to recover funds for the cost the county to repair the system for this reason. Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter for Watterson to set up meeting with the Prison, the County and us to address the issue, for which we will bill the Prison for the charges. Motion passed 7-0.

MTA – State of MI Wind/Solar Legislation:

Motion by Moden, supported by Benschoter to have Castleberry draft a resolution, for approval at the Special Board Mtg next week, stating that the Madison Charter Township Board is fully against Executive Directive 2020-10 in which the local township powers to plan and zone township properties by ordinance, for the purpose of wind and solar development would be null and void and passed into the hands of Michigan Public Service Commission. Motion carried 7-0

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Gregg: Announced that BCBS rates for next year will be going up significantly, no hard numbers yet. Employer portion of MERS retirement will be 6.8% and Liability insurance will increase by approximately 4.8.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Peggy Sager asked if we had copies of other townships Police Chief job descriptions, and that we should want the best person we could get for the job.

Resident Rodney Meeks asked if there was a place or person that citizens could contact about the Executive Directive 2020-10 to voice the resident's opinion. The Clerk told him she would get him that information after the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Looking for volunteers to help on November 11,2023 for the Fall Leaf Day from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk