



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of August 12, 2025

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting called to order, with a silent prayer, and pledge to the flag said by all.

ROLL CALL:

All present in person: Bales, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Benschoter, and Rodgers. Absent Schutte, out of town.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden noted that there would be an election held on Nov. 4 at the township offices for Madison School District residents only, for a millage proposal.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that our new ambulance billing system, EMS has had some bumps in the road getting up and running, a new representative of the EMS system has been assigned to us and we are starting to get things straightened out. The EMS rep is trying to work with Vitalcore, the new Gus Harrison Prison insurer for the State of Michigan owes the township over \$130,000.00 from the last insurer that went bankrupt, and now we are behind an additional \$100,000 in unpaid bills from the State insurer. We have been in touch with our State representatives, as this is a statewide issue with unpaid bills. We are not allowed to stop servicing the prison on 911 calls, just because the bills are not paid. We are asking residents to call their representatives at the State level and complain, because the township residents are now paying for these emergency runs to the prison.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that 22 ordinance violations are now either cited or in court at this time. Officer Bailey will be going to Fire Arms instructor training next week. The SRO grant has been renewed for another 3 years with Sand Creek School System.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that new exterior lights had been installed on the DPW building recently. He is currently working on getting pricing for improvement of water and sewer on Carleton Rd between M-52 and Treat Rd. He received and estimated bill for replacement of all water meters. He also stated that most likely a pump station would be needed for sewer between U.S. 223 to Carleton Rd on Treat if improvements were made.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported that permits and inspections have been steady very busy this month in Adrian and Madison townships. Last week there were 34 inspections in Madison township alone, and 45 in Adrian township.

Invited everyone to tour the new additions at the Maurice Spear Campus on September 24, 2025 from 1-2.

Legal: None present

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda and previous month's board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes;. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Dept. Vehicle Purchase:

In 2024 the Fire Dept. purchased a 2024 GMC pickup truck to use as a replacement ECHO unit for the Dept. but once received it did not meet the qualities needed for this type of unit. The building dept has need to replace the Building Inspectors vehicle, which is in need of major repairs, so the Building Dept will purchase a 2025 Tahoe with the price not to exceed \$56,000 and then exchange vehicles with the Fire Dept. A motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter to approve the sale of the Fire Dept pick up to the Building Dept. for use as Building Inspectors vehicle.

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



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Budget Amendment:

Every year we have been paying the County for assessing costs, and it was done every 6 months, but was always 6 months behind schedule due to timing, which created a problem with our budgets from year to year. We have now switched to paying the county annually, but we have to make an adjustment to our 2025 budget numbers to do that.

101-257-822-001 \$4714.67 LCAB - Assessing Costs

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve this budget amendment to the assessing line item for \$4714.67.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: Stated that Heather would be out the rest of this week due to a death in her family.

Bales: Brought up that he appreciated the Committee of the Whole that allowed the board members to get vital information about issues such as the problems with the truck the Fire Dept purchased and it would give the board the opportunity to go over the specs before it is ordered if needed.

Rodgers: Stated that the planning commission has been looking at the Master Plan, and it seems that the Land Use Plan is not considered a Master Plan, but that the commission is still going to evaluate the current Land Use Plan going forward. Tim Watterson, DPW asked to be also included in the meeting regarding this evaluation of the Land Plan.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident William Gira questioned why no one had been in contact with him regarding the results of his signed complaint regarding another township resident. He also stated that the microphones in front of the board members did not work well, and the audience cannot hear or understand some of people on the board when they speak. Other residents in attendance also agreed that the microphone was not being used adequately.

Residents, Mr./Mrs. John Hickman from Fairlawn Ave, expressed that they had seen some improvement in the ordinance compliance since there have been more citations written in their neighborhood, but the neighbors errant chickens are still an issue for them.



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Resident Dale Thielen asked how residents were able to find out about the citations or complains results, Chief Gentner stated that he should call the police dept.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rogers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk