



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of March 10, 2026

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: Rank, Bales, Gregg, Moden, Benschoter, Rodgers, and Schutte.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Supervisor Rank motion stated that we needed to remove the retirement of Mark Swinehart from this month's agenda, as the Fire Dept. will be having a retirement party at a later date and the retirement certificate will be better presented at that time. Motion passed 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Supervisor Rank stated that the county commissioner for our district, Beth Blanko, will be having a meet and greet meeting at our township hall on 3/25/26 at 6:00 pm. He stated that Kim Murphy, county administrator, is expected to be present also.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Brian Ruble, Tetra Tech engineer, reported on the Water Project progress. The building and equipment installation is coming along well. He is pleased with the work that Monroe Plumbing is doing for the township. The hope to have everything completed in late June 2026. Copy of presentation in the clerk's files.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Bill Gira, resident, stated that he hoped that the board voted for the citizens financial committee and that the Treasurer and the Supervisor can get on the same page.

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that the adult EMT class was finished and that of the 25 people who signed up, 18 passed. The profit from running the class was \$18,347.00 for the township.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that everything in his department was pretty much status quo this month.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that they are working on the Meter exchange but are finding it difficult to know exactly which one needs to be changed by their age. They are doing Home Acres, and any other that they may find that needs to be changed out. When asked if the meters we have can be re-built, he stated that only meters produced after 2014 can be used due to regulations on Lead. It would not be cost effective.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon stated inspections were slow this month. He described the current process he is using, since the board passed the changes with the International Property Maintenance code, to handle complaints. He stated that he likes to contact the residents first verbally before they get formal correspondence from him regarding the matter.

Legal: None

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: Rank: Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lenawee County Road Commission 2026 Road Projects:

Supervisor Rank presented everyone with a copy of the current 2026 Lenawee County Road Commission 2026 road projects. Rank stated that our township roads are in good condition overall. He stated that he was told that roads that are shared with another township will be paid for by the county in the future. Motion by Bales, second by Rodgers to approve the 2026 Road Projects as presented. Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizens Financial Committee:

Treasurer Gregg presented that he would like to have a citizen committee formed to look at our financial situation and come up with ideas for the board as to how we can stop losing money in the general fund every year to balance the budget. There were questions by board members as to exactly what is expected of the committee.

Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter to set up a citizen financial committee with Matt Carpenter, Dale Thielen and Michelle Johnson, to look over the finances of the township and



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provide the board with recommendations as to how to reverse Gross Profit balance decline, with it to be completed by July 10, 2026. Motion carried 6-0. Moden abstained.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Bill Gira stated that he had attended a funeral for Trp. Tripp and was surprised to find out the State Police from the Monroe Post only have one trooper assigned to Lenawee County during the day and two troopers on the night shift. He asked if the township would make a complaint to our representatives in Lansing.

Resident Dale Thielen stated he felt that Bill Gira should also be put on the citizens financial committee. Chief Gentner explained the difference between "Motor Vehicle" and "Motor Home" per our legal team for the purposes of the ordinances issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 11, 2026 is the Spring clean up day. 8:00 to Noon.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden, Township Clerk