



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of September 8, 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, Moden, Gregg, Bales, Rodgers and Schutte.
Absent Benschoter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Add Treasurer's request to Bank to agenda

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Absent

Police: Absent

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated the new water treatment plant project should be completed by 9/24/26. Hydrant flushing will take place from Sept. 23 thru Oct. 30, which will include Fairfield.

Inspection: Absent

Legal: None

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



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OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer request for County National Bank:

Treasurer Gregg requested that the board Authorize him to open and manage all accounts and services at County National Bank. Also, the signers are Harold Gregg, Treasurer, Jolene Bowles, Deputy Treasurer, Janet Moden, Clerk, and Kassi Schulz, Deputy Clerk. Motion by Rodgers to approve the above request, supported by Bales. Motion carried 6-0.

Ogden Twp. Building and Zoning Official Agreement:

Supervisor Rank has been in discussions with Ogden Twp., at their request, to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement by which Ogden Twp., would use our building official for their zoning and building needs. They would still have their own planning committee and ZBA but all transactions would come through Madison Twp offices. Rank is asking the board to authorize him to negotiate on behalf of Madison towards that end. Motion to approve by Bales, supported by Rodgers. Question was asked if doing this would put undue burden on Madison Twp, answer was No as they have so few instances in a year to use it. Motion carried 6-0.

Gutter and Drain Improvement Grant:

The police department has received a \$16,000 grant from the State of MI, that must be used on building improvements, so the gutters need replaced on the Safety Building, which houses Police and Fire. Also a trench drain needs to be installed between the two departments. He has received quotes from Brothers Doing Gutters for \$7903.75 from Clayton, and trench drain quotes from Campbell Concrete for \$6536.00 from Madison Twp. He is asking the board to approve these two quotes. Motion to approve by Rodgers, supported by Schutte, motion carried 6-0.

Dangerous Building Hearing officer appointment:

Supervisor Rank has talked with Dave Newland, and he has agreed to serve as the required Dangerous Buildings Hearing officer for Madison Twp. if the board approves. Motion by Rodgers to accept Dave Newland in the position of Dangerous Buildings Hearing officer, supported by Schutte, motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: The supervisor read a memo from the State of MI EGLE div. he received on 9-3-26 regarding updating the township on the water well concerns with ZFS/Adrian/Blissfield RR.



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They stated that the wells were drilled by ZFS, who is conducting aquifer testing at the moment, which is allowed under the Part 327 statute with no registration or permit from EGLE in place. The wells are not going to be operational for continuous use for at least 6 months. EGLE has determined that the three registrations as-is will not be allowed to remain in place, and this has been communicated to ZFS. Pending the outcome of their Testing a number of different situations are possible. EGLE will update the Township at the end of September as things evolve.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: A number of residents and interested parties were invited to speak and ask their questions. The supervisor stated that the township zoning and land use are the only things that we are allowed to regulate. Some of the various questions asked were: Was a survey done; can we have a private geologist come in; who is responsible for our wells if they go dry; what is the depth of the township wells; why did ZFS choose that location to drill their wells; what amount of water does the township pull per day; can we have a public meeting with the Health Dept.; what year did the township drill their wells, (1991); what other governmental entities can help with this? Some questions were answered but most are still premature for the information that is available to the township at this point.

Gil Salazar – asked about extended and ongoing garage sales in the residential area of the Airport Section, parking and safety is a problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden, Township Clerk