



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of July 9, 2024

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, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales. Absent Rodgers.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 06/11/24:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 6/11/2024. Motion was carried 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Griewahn stated that he had been notified of Palmyra Township having a Planning Commission meeting, no date set.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Republican Candidate for Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, Ed Scheffler spoke on his qualifications and background for the position in the Aug. 6 Primary election.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that Engine 1 had been returned and put back in service after the issue of gas being put in a diesel engine by mistake. Still have not heard from the insurance company but Toledo Cummins has given it the stamp of approval to be used. July is a busy month for the department with Fair duty, Faster Horses, baby's being born, and vacations.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that Lauren Solas will start on July 29th and will enter Oakland Police Academy on August 7th and should be finished by December 3rd. He stated that he was delayed in coming to this meeting, due to finding a dead body behind JoAnne Fabrics tonight. It appeared there was no foul play involved.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson emergency absence due to water issues.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon stated that Bath and Body Works final inspection would be this week. He stated that he received another Solar Farm inquiry. He explained that the last 5 months that just the building inspections in Madison Twp have brought in \$9000. He reported that the Solar Farm in Adrian Twp is still not received a final inspection due to all the dead trees at the site.

Legal: Nothing on WalMart. There has been notice regarding a tax tribunal from Southgate mobile home park.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Election Committee Meeting Minutes for 7/5/2024:

Minutes of the election committee meeting were read by Moden, motion to approve by Moden, supported by Carpenter. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to approve the submitted list of election workers as submitted by the Election Committee for the August 6, 2024, State Primary by Moden, supported by Benschoter. Motion carried 6-0.

Tech Committee Meeting Minutes for 7/8/2024:

Minutes of the Technology Committee Meeting minutes were read and motion to approve by Griewahn and seconded by Bales. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Griewahn, seconded by Gregg to approve the recommendation of the Tech Committee to make Nic Wilson the IT Director for the township, it is in name only, there are no pay changes to current salary. This is to make sure that when he operates in this capacity, he does not identify himself as the Fire Chief. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution to Adopt Road and Bridge Millage Ballot Language:

A motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to accept the resolution that indicates the language to be added to the State General Election on November 5, 2024, and to be sent by the Township Clerk to the Lenawee County Clerk for publication. Contents of the resolution were read aloud by the Supervisor before the vote was taken. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Website Bid from CivicPlus:

Clerk Moden presented a bid quote from CivicPlus regarding using them to take over township website operation from STG, our current provider. There have been numerous issues with STG over the last two years regarding communications and operations. CivicPlus is a vendor that we currently use for Codification, Meeting Minutes and Agendas and have been pleased with their processes so far. Clerk Moden and Admin. Asst Caitlin Jacobs had a Zoom meeting with CivicPlus regarding what they had to offer if we were to change over to them. Their web capabilities are very comprehensive, they showed us many examples of distinct types of websites that they currently provide in the state. We recognized the differences that we have experienced since Lenawee County changed their website over to CivicPlus and the ease with which we are able to access the information that we are looking for. They told us that it could take up to 6 months to get the website up and running depending on the choices that we want. They were asked to provide us with a bid quote, which they did the next day. The quote for the level of site that we felt would be the best for our township needs came in at \$5136.00 in the first year and an annual recurring service cost of \$4136.00 with an annual 5% uplift applied in the second year.

Motion by Moden, supported by Benschoter to accept the Bid of \$5136.00 the first year and an annual recurring service cost of \$4136.00 with an annual 5% uplift applied in the second year. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Moden: A letter was received from POAM union leaders requesting that the Police Contract be opened for negotiations, even though it does not expire until 12/31/2024. The letter requested information such as Audit info and other information be sent to them. Due to Burke not being at this meeting to make this recommendation the Clerk is asking that a decision be made to use Attorney Helen Mills, who has done both of our existing union contracts to be used for this negotiations as well. Motion by Moden, supported by Gregg, to accept Helen Mills as the Negotiation attorney for both Police/POAM and Firefighters/IAFF as their union contracts come due. Motion carried 4-2.

Carpenter: Spoke about Ed Scheffler, for Drain Commissioner and he also spoke about the Central Sewer System as to the capacity versus the actual usage of the system.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:



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Steve Muth: Spoke on his background and qualifications to run in the Primary election for the position of Lenawee County Treasurer.

Resident William Gira spoke on his frustration with the townships timeline for the completion of complaints of Ordinance 39 regarding the inoperable vehicles. He stated that it had taken a year from the time of the complaint to the vehicle actually being moved last week. Now they are on County property, so he is going to contact the Airport Commission. He stated that the township has no credibility and he doesn't expect anything will be done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk