



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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## TRUSTEES

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Chad Rodgers

Madison Township Board Meeting  
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)  
Minutes of June 11, 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, Rodgers, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales.

## APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 05/12/24:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 5/12/2024. Motion was carried 7-0.

## APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES 6/10/24:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers to dispense reading and approve the Special Board meeting minutes once the adjournment paragraph is corrected and amended for 6/10/2024. Motion was carried 7-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to add to New Business the subject of Engine #1 repairs. Motion carried 7-0.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Nic Wilson, Madison Fire Chief and Josh Boulay, Madison Assistant Fire Chief. The two chiefs presented a power point presentation information about what our current inventory of vehicles in the Fire Dept are from the standpoint of age, mileage, predicted life span, and replacement costs would be in the next 25 years. Their reason for the presentation is to make sure the board is aware of their budgetary needs and costs. They also included other Fire and EMS articles that have a high price tag items associated with replacement, such as Stryker cots for the ambulances, SCBA (Fire Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus), heart monitors and Lucas devices for CPR. They feel that it is imperative that the Township residents and the Board know that they have a 25-year projection plan for all of these replacements, and they have done their best to project the possible costs of this project. They stated that the costs and the lead times for purchasing these items have grown exponentially in the last year and in some cases nearly doubled. Currently there is a three year wait time if we were to order a new ambulance or fire truck. Because of these extended wait times, it requires us



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to have a budgetary plan that is pushed out to make sure that we are equipped with the proper tools to maintain our current level of service to the community. Naturally, they cannot plan for accidents, major repairs that are not in the projections presented. This presentation was submitted for information purposes, no action was required at this time.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

### **3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:**

**Fire:** None

**Police:** Chief Gentner stated that he had been working on FOIA requests 8 hours a day due to various accidents in the township in the last month or so. He stated that he had five applicants for his open Police Officer position, but that they all would require sponsorship to the Police Academy somewhere. Currently there are no openings at any of the Police Academies in our general area. He will keep looking and is 15<sup>th</sup> on one wait list. He also attended Active Shooter training and found that Lenawee County is behind in their knowledge of this type of training per MICOLES.

**Water/Sewer:** Watterson emergency absence.

**Inspection:** Building Official, Rincon stated there had been various building violations noted with the new Michael's store and that he wanted to dispel the rumors that Ross's is not coming to Adrian. He stated that Ross's start up is behind schedule, but they still plan to open in the future. He stated that he is currently working on two areas of ordinance violation which are Ruby St. and several locations on W. Gorman Rd with vacant properties.

**Legal:** Nothing on WalMart.

**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.

### **ZBA Committee Meeting Minutes for 5/23/2024:**

Minutes of the ZBA meeting were read by Carpenter, motion to approve by Carpenter, supported by Rodgers. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Police/Fire Committee Meeting Minutes for 5/31/2024:**

Minutes of the Police/Fire Committee Meeting minutes were read and motion to approve by Gregg and seconded by Benschoter. Motion carried 7-0.



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Motion by Gregg, seconded by Benschoter to approve the sponsorship of qualified candidates for filling open positions of Police Officer. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IT Committee Meeting Minutes 6/3/2024:**

No meeting minutes were supplied at this time, but it was stated that another meeting is planned for July 8, 2024, to continue the planning process.

### **OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Repair of Engine #1 – Gas/Diesel Issue:**

Engine #1 is currently out of service because 2 gal. of gas was inadvertently put in the 60 gal. Deisel tank by mistake and then returned to the station. This has caused the truck to be repaired before it can be put back in service. The lowest quote for repair is \$20,018.73 from Patriots Fire Service. The other quote from Cummins Sales and Service was \$23,366.23 and Valley Freightliner of Toledo was \$23, 830.36. There had been training done with all Fire personnel and discipline was given to the individual involved.

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the Patriots Fire Service bid for \$20,018.73 and get the truck repaired. Roll Call Vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Nic Wilson stated that the cost has been submitted to our insurance company and that they had their adjustor stop at the station, but no conclusion on whether it is a covered item that they will pay on yet.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

**Griewahn:** He expressed that he was submitting Eric Ehringer as an alternate on the ZBA committee, as a replacement for Harvey Souders. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers, to accept Mr. Ehringer on the ZBA committee. Motion carried 7-0.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Resident Diane Jacobs spoke on her frustration with landlords in the Madison Meadows area that do not keep their rental properties mowed. She also had questions regarding fences.



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Resident Janet Bunch asked when will the water clear up after the hydrant flushing and was told that it usually takes 2-3 days.

Resident Bishop also from the Madison Meadows area, was concerned with neighboring fences, weeds, and twenty bales of straw that is against the neighbor's house on Harold St. It was explained that some of these issues may be subdivision rules and not township ordinances and not under our jurisdiction to police. The issue of blocking the street with parked vehicles will be referred to our police department.

Resident Tiffany Brown of Allen St stated that she has still not gotten relief about her water drainage problems, currently the County Drain Commission, and the County Road Commission are saying that it not their issue. The township has no authority to require either of these entities to take responsibility.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

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Township Clerk