



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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## TRUSTEES

Howard Bales  
Matt Carpenter  
Ralph Benschoter  
Chad Rodgers

Madison Township Board Meeting  
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)  
Minutes of May 14, 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 4/9/24:**

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 4/9/2024. Motion was carried 7-0.

### **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MTG MINUTES 5/1/24:**

Motion by Bales, supported by Gregg to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 5/1/2024. Motion was carried 7-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to add to New Business the subject of a resolution of memorial to the Police Week. Motion carried 7-0.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Sarah Rafko, Twp Auditor company of Calkins Hehl Rafko, CPA.

Sarah reviewed the 2023 Audit Report with the Township Board members and Dept. Heads, stating that the Township is in good financial standing and that it was a good audit. She provided letters to that summary and also letters required by the State due to the ARPA funds that were granted to the Township and the uses of that money. Copies of the audit are available in the Township Office for public viewing.

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



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

**Fire:** Chief Wilson reported that recently a joint effort by Madison Fire Dept and Madison Police Dept in coordination with Sand Creek Community Schools held a day of training and instruction with 37 members of the school administration, with various local law enforcement entities and emergency agencies also in attendance. Also attending the training were elected officials from Madison Twp, Supervisor Gary Griewahn, and Clerk Janet Moden. There were various scenarios explained, and cross communication between departments and schools using tabletop exercises in the event of an active shooter at Sand Creek School. Chief Wilson stated that he had met with the SRO officer from Madison Schools about the possibility of doing similar training with Madison Schools. He stated that they are working with Adrian College to possibly offer an EMT class again for them this fall. He also stated that there are incident command classes that are offered for elected officials that he is looking into for us.

**Police:** Chief Gentner stated He has posted the open Police Officer position, but currently has not received any applications for the position of Police Officer. Stated that once school is out for the summer, Officer Oram will be working on ordinance violations.

**Water/Sewer:** Watterson reported that Water Hydrant flushing would be happening between April 29 and May 27 of 2024. He also reported that the City of Adrian has agreed to pay 50% of the cost for the smoke testing to be done this summer. Currently there is clean up being done on the new well so that the volume can be measured soon, this includes removal of mud and gravel. Everything for the Bond is in motion at this point.

**Inspection:** Building Official, Rincon stated that building department activities have brought in just over \$9,000 this month in permits. He reported that he has been working on two different Ordinance violations in the township, one being located on Sharp Road where people were living in an unapproved building, and one on Geller Dr. These situations take time to resolve, maybe two to three months, but so far, the residents have been cooperating with him. The prints for the new Michael's store arrived in the office today and Bath and Body Works will be coming in with their prints soon. He wanted to express his "thanks" to the fire department.

**Legal:** None

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Rodgers, supported by Gregg 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.

## **OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Purchase of New Police Body Cameras:**

Chief Gentner explained all of the current and past issues that the Police Dept has had with the current Motorola cameras and that we are currently under contract with Motorola for these bad



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cameras. He contacted Motorola with his issues and asked if they would be willing to let him out of this contract and they agreed to a release and settlement agreement with the Madison Township Police Dept. at no cost to the Dept.

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the acceptance of this negotiated release and settlement agreement with Motorola. Motion carried 7-0.

Chief Gentner presented a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 7 body cameras with all necessary software, hardware and services at a cost of \$41, 216.90 to be paid over 60 months at a cost of \$8,243.38 per year until 2028. Gentner stated that he is looking into grants that might pay up to one half of the cost of the cameras.

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the purchase of police body cameras from Axon Enterprises for \$41,216.90 over 60 months, to be expensed under contractual services. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Land Split – 4072 W. Beecher Rd. - Clark Galloway**

David Rincon, Madison Twp Building Official recommended that the board approve a land split for 4072 W. Beecher Rd, which is currently zoned AG-1 be split into two separate parcels of 1.43 acre split off of the original parcel of 100.64 acres. The parcel met all of the frontage requirements.

Motion to approve the land split as described, by Carpenter, supported by Rodgers. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Land Split – 3675 W. Cadmus Rd. - Perry McCullar**

David Rincon, Madison Twp Building Official recommended that the board approve a land split for 3675 W. Cadmus Rd, which is currently zoned AG-1 be split into two separate parcels of 3 acres will be split off of the original parcel of 40.3 acres. The parcel met all of the frontage requirements.

Motion to approve the land split as described, by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Renewal of New Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medical Coverage:**

Effective 6/1/2024 Blue Cross/Blue Shield level of coverage that the Township carries for the full time employees will no longer be available to renew, so our insurance broker Barker/Weber presented the union presidents and township clerk and treasurer with what other options were available, not only from BCBS but also other medical carriers such as HAP and Priority Health.



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After careful study and many questions, it became obvious to the township officials and the union leaders that the best move for everyone involved was for the township to move its coverage to a BCBS Blue Elect Plus HAS POS Gold Option 2 plan. This plan was similar in nature to the current plan but cost the township less in premiums per month by approximately 11% as well as the employees premium share costs. The Firefighters Union and the Police Union both agreed that this was the correct move and provided the township with written MOU's (Memorandum of Understanding) for the remainder of their respective contract coverage years. There would have to be additional monies paid out to the employee HSA accounts as required by law, because of the increase in deductible amounts for the remainder of 2024.

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the move to the BCBS Blue Elect Plus HAS POS Gold Option 2 plan for the full-time employees effective 6/1/2024. Roll Call Vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Resolution recognizing Law Enforcement Memorial Week:**

Supervisor Griewahn read a resolution that expressed appreciation and gratitude for the law enforcement of the Police Dept in recognition of their legacy and support of the community that they serve. Motion to approve the resolution by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers, motion carried 7-0.

Copy of signed resolution was given directly to Police Chief Gentner by Supervisor Griewahn.

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

**Carpenter:** Expressed appreciation to Mike Slusarski, of Slusarski Excavating and Paving Inc. for the use of his property for the Spring Clean Up.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Resident Bill Gira said that tomorrow there would be a Memorial service at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian for Fallen Law Enforcement individuals in Lenawee County at 11:00 a.m.

Resident Dale Thielan asked if anything had been done about the website. Clerk Moden responded that a meeting had been scheduled with a different vendor, CivicPlus to see what they have to offer and the costs, to possibly change website hosts. CivicPlus is currently the host for Lenawee County and the City of Adrian.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



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Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk