



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of January 13, 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, Rodgers, Benschoter, and Schutte.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden read a letter from Judy Sheldon re: Lenawee County America 250 committee looking for support in coming year in conjunction with DAR, SAR, LC Family Researchers.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that the fire dept has a different computer system for reporting to the State that they are learning. He stated that the flooring in the training room was installed and finished (epoxy on cement) now needs to be painted. Received another check from Vitacore against their outstanding bill. Dept came in under budget 2025 from original amounts.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that he doubled the traffic stops in 2025, with 3117 calls for service which was similar to 2024. Currently he has posted a Part Time Ordinance position to be filled.

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that the new generator is in and that block for the new water project addition is currently going up.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon stated 2025 was very productive. Building permits alone for Madison Twp. were \$154,000 and Adrian Twp. \$103,000.

Legal: None



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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to approve the consent agenda and previous month's board meeting minutes after corrected. Roll call vote: Rank, Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance amendment:

Supervisor Rank presented the board with a copy of an ordinance that adopts the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code, in part, to provide for the enforcement thereof; to provide penalties for the violation thereof; and to provide for the effective date of this ordinance. This **second reading** of this additional ordinance is presented to make the penalty phase more streamlined and less costly to the township, avoiding the time consuming cost and time to go to court with many violations. All departments heads were allowed to make recommendations for areas in their responsibility areas.

Public Meeting for Ordinance 46 second reading opened at 7:09 pm – No public comments were offered up either verbally or in written language.

Public Meeting for Ordinance 46 second reading closed at 7:12 p.m.

During discussion Wynn Fike asked what was the issue in the Airport subdivision? He was told that this ordinance covered all of the township, not just the Airport subdivision.

Motion to approve the International Property Maintenance code ordinance #46 as submitted by Bales, supported by Gregg. Roll call vote: Rank, Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, No; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Fire Turnout Gear for 2026:

Fire Chief asked to purchase several sets of new turnout gear at a cost of approx. \$18,000. The is already been approved in his 2026 budget, but he is letting us know that he needs to make the purchase now.

There was board discussion as to why, if it has already been approved in the 2026 budget, does the board have to approve it again. No specific determination was concluded, asked Amanda to look into it.



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Motion to approve the purchase of budgeted turnout gear was made by Rodgers, seconded by Bales. Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

2026 Meeting Schedule Resolution:

Supervisor Rank presented a resolution to the board that listed all of the 2026 Township Board Meeting Dates for approval. He stated that none of the dates fell on election dates this year that he is aware of.

Motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Date Resolution by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte. Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: Stated that Caitlin had resigned her position and that website updates will be the responsibility of the new person taking her place. Currently we have Cassie starting on Wed. 1/21/26 through FASCO temp agency to see if we have a good fit for her and us.

Schutte: Asked if the Planning Commission Meeting this Thursday was being postponed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Resident Wynn Fike asked what the expense that went to S.E. Wildlife Conservation was for. It was cost to have animal traps put behind the pole building for the summer to catch critters digging burrows under the barn. He also stated that Cadmus Rd. between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. needs the Police Dept. speed sign used to slow people down.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden, Township Clerk