



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of April 8, 2025

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: Bales, Benschoter, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Rodgers and Schutte. All Present.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion be Rodgers, supported by Benschoter, to approve the agenda as printed. Approved 7-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk read a letter from Madison Firefighters Union requesting that we open negotiations on their union contract. Clerk also read a letter from Woodstock Township notifying the township of their possible intent to adopt an ORV ordinance at their April 14 meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that currently all equipment is up and running. A tabletop exercise was presented on train derailment training to the dept. Hopes to have another training on train derailment within the year with the railroad. Reported on a very large barn fire on Station Rd., in Ogden Twp with no injuries or loss of life,

Police: Chief Gentner stated it had been busy with WalMart complaints and that there was a cross functional training this coming Saturday at Sand Creek Schools with many different agencies for Active Shooter training.

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated they have started hydrant flushing until the 28th. The new water meter for Fairfield water line is expected to be here by May.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported the following:



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- Collected \$10,000 in Building Permit fees
- Green Acres currently has 12 permits open
- The home and barns on W. Gorman Rd. have contacted the township that they plan to demolish the house by 11/30/25 and the barns the following spring as no cost to the township.
- Adrian Twp – has 15 to 25 new homes coming.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dept. Head Contracts:

The four dept. heads, Water, Fire, Police and Inspection had submitted new three-year employment contracts for board approval, retro effective to 1/1/2025. The contracts had been reviewed with board members at the informational meeting in detail on 4-7-25, Motion by Schutte, supported by Bales that all four of the contracts be accepted as written, and signed for a duration of three years. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Back-up Electrical Inspector Hire:

Dave Rincon presented the name of a person that he had vetted and interviewed to work as a backup electrical inspector for Madison Twp. when needed. His name is Ed Zietlow from the Macon area. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to accept Mr. Zietlow as a back-up electrical inspector. Motion passed 7-0.

Second Public Reading: Opened at 7:12 p.m.

Ordinance adopting the Code entitled “Code of Ordinances, Madison Charter Township”, published by CivicPlus, LLC, consisting of Chapters 1-32.



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There were changes to some violations regarding whether the punishment would be a civil infraction or a misdemeanor, upon the recommendation of our township attorney.

Motion by Bales, supported by Schutte, that the Code of Ordinances, Madison Charter Township published by CivicPlus, LLC consisting of Chapter 1-32 be enacted and accepted for publication as submitted. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Second Public Reading: Opened at 7:14 p.m.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 17 – Disorderly Persons

Changes were made to reflect the State Law in Michigan regarding the age of violators for drinking, smoking and marijuana.

Motion by Schutte, supported by Rodgers, that the Disorderly Conduct Ordinance be amended, enacted and accepted for publication as submitted. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Zoning Clarification for 2396 E. U.S. 223 – Sayler Accounting Property:

Due to an impending sale of this property, it was found that errors in the zoning of the property had been made back in 1989 at two different meetings in which it was classified as C-2 by the planning commission 3/27/1989 but reported as C-1 in the May 1989 Board Meeting minutes in error. A motion by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte to approve the correction of the error and that the 2396 E. U.S. 223 property is zoned as C-2 properly. Motion carried 7-0

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Moden: Notification of the Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 12, 2025, will be held from 8:00 a.m. to Noon for trash and yard waste. Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Wynn Fike: Asked where Green Acres was located. Commented that hydrant flushing is flooding on Taylor. Asked about if Taylor is going to be extended through to Prairie Dr.

Resident Reid Moden: Asked if the hydrant in the airport section that was all wrapped in tape is out of service, and if so what plans to repair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None



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ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk