



# 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 January 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 12/12/23:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 12/12/2023. Motion was carried 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Motion by Carpenter, supported by Bales to add to New Business the 2024 Budgeting issues. Motion carried 6-0.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Representative from Eden East LLC. spoke and said that the issue he had, was resolved before the meeting.

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

### 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Over 3000 fire department calls, including EMS were run in 2023. There were 919 hours of training completed by the department in 2023 also. There will be new minimum State regulations in 2024 on training.

**Police:** Chief Shadbolt stated that they had over 3000 calls in their department in 2023. He had been working with David Gentner on training and that there had been many illnesses in the Department. Chief Shadbolt then introduced a new hire police officer, James Bailey and he also officially handed David Gentner his new Police Chief badge as his replacement on 1/12/24. Griewahn also thanked Mike Shadbolt for his years of service to the township and hoping for a long retirement.



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**Water/Sewer:** Reported by Watterson that the well is now drilled, and pump testing is being done. Currently the Financial Advisor is waiting for a meeting with all the project parties and financial committee. No pump has been installed yet there is only a casing in the ground. The meeting with the City has not been scheduled yet on the sewer issue yet due to the holidays.

**Inspection:** Rincon had a family medical emergency and was unable to attend.

**Legal:** Castleberry announced that he has taken on the City of Adrian as a client temporary, but that if there is a legal dispute with the City that he is our attorney first. No update on Walmart.

**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.

### **Personnel Committee Minutes 12-20-23:**

Benschoter read the minutes of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes, supported by Carpenter. Approved 6-0

### **Planning Commission Minutes 12/21/23:**

Benschoter read the minutes of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes, supported by Bales. Approved 6-0

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

#### **David Gentner – Police Chief Employment Contract:**

Clerk Moden stated that the contract that had been submitted contained language in it that should have been deleted with respect to using Arbitration is he would be let go. The language for a salaried employee should be the same as the previous Chief and the other salaried dept. heads. It was stated that the language in Shadbolt's employment contract in Section 3 should be the same in Gentner's contract in Section 20. Motion by Moden, supported by Gregg to make these changes to the contract. Motion carried 6-0

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Land Split – 2640 E. Beecher - Carl Walworth:**

Building official, David Rincon recommended the board approve the land split for this address creating a new parcel of 1.126 acres from the original 2.707 acres, with all parcels meeting the



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road frontage requirements. Motion by Bales, supported by Griewahn to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Land Split - 1178 W. Gorman Rd. – Keith Truckor:**

Building official, David Rincon recommended the board approve the land split for this address creating a new parcel of 2.26 acres from the original 37.71 acres, with all parcels meeting the road frontage requirements. Motion by Bales, supported by Carpenter to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

### **BS&A Cloud Software Upgrade:**

It was discussed that BS&A, our current accounting, building permitting and cemetery mgt system has suggested that we switch to their new cloud-based storage system for all of our storage of data, as in the future they will no longer support our information that is not in their cloud. Currently it is backed up on our servers which are currently at capacity and needs to be replaced. This change will take anywhere from 6 months to a year to complete. The costs to get this cloud storage will go up the longer we wait to do the move. If we wait until we are forced to move to the cloud because of them no longer supporting our current system, it will cost a lot more. Discussion then was turned to how we would pay for it, the ARPA funds would be one way, another way would be to take it from the departments that would benefit the most from the switch, such as building and water/sewer and general fund. At this point Carpenter made a motion supported by Gregg, that we table the discussion and send it back to the Finance Committee to study and make a recommendation to the board. Motion carried 6-0

### **Fire Gear:**

Fire Chief Willson explained that the Fire Dept has a rotational list of expiring turnout gear for the firefighters. He explained that the gear expires every ten years and must be replaced. He is asking to purchase seven sets of gear at a quote of \$25,000. He is looking to take it out of the apparatus fund but is also trying to see if there is any grant money available to help with the cost of the replacement. Motion by Gregg, supported by Moden that Chief Wilson is authorized to purchase the seven sets of turnout gear at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Roll Call Vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Ordinance Prosecution Agreement:**

Chief Shadbolt explained to the board that he has approached our attorney, Castleberry about the issues that he has had with the Lenawee County Prosecutor's office and the lack of cooperation in getting timely resolution for our ordinance prosecution. This has been costing the township money for lack of cooperation, and he is requesting that we terminate our agreement with the County, and do our prosecution locally through our attorney. Castleberry would bill the township separately for any cases that he would act as prosecutor for us, so as to be able to



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follow the costs incurred at the end of the year. Motion by Bales, supported by Carpenter to authorize Griewahn to send a letter of notice of termination to the County within 30 days, and to contract with Castleberry to prosecute our ordinances effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Record Management with Clemis:**

Chief Shadbolt explained that we needed to renew our agreement with CLEMIS for the police department information system. Motion by Bales, supported by Gregg to authorize Griewahn to sign the renewal agreement for the Police department to use the CLEMIS program. Roll Call Vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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

**Carpenter/Gregg:** Expressed the need to look at the budget and see if there are areas that cuts could be made. Benschoter suggested that it should be the whole board, Gregg suggested that the finance committee review it first and that everyone look at the Dec. Financial report to see if there are areas that can be cut.

**Moden:** Information and explanation of how early voting will take place for the upcoming presidential primary election.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** A representative of Eden East LLC. again thanked the board for their support and interest in working with their company and their success.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk