



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of June 10, 2025

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting called to order, with a silent prayer, and pledge to the flag said by all.

ROLL CALL:

All present in person: Bales, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Benschoter, Rodgers , and Schutte.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden read correspondence received from State of Michigan Public Service Commission regarding the application for approval of renewable energy filed by Midwest Energy Cooperative Case # U-16594. Clerk Moden also read a resolution from Lenawee Intermediate School Dist. Board of Education, in which it stated that MD0-107-3200-00 at 2775 Whig Hwy has been moved from Adrian School District to Sand Creek School District as of May 1, 2025.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Ms. Sarah Rafko, of Caulkins, Heil and Rafko Auditors, presented the 2024 Audit finding to the board. She stated that the township got the best Audit rating that can be given. This audit was more stringent due to it still including the use of ARPA funds. She carefully went through the audit in detail pointing out any and all adjustments that were made. Trustee Bales asked if it would be worthwhile to do Quarterly audits since we are getting this Audit information for 2024, six months into 2025. Ms. Rafko responded that doing Quarterly audits would probably be overkill and expensive, but maybe bi-annual audits would be helpful, again the Township might have to have a secondary accounting group to do preliminary audits for that purpose. She also stated that the communication between the office and the auditors is very good and with that may not be necessary to get the information that the Township needs to build budgets for the following year.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that currently all apparatus is up and running. Adult EMT class will start in September for non-Adrian College personnel. He has been holding Strategic Planning



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meetings with his Officers, for about 5 hours, for future growth for next 25 years when money is tight. The new billing group is not working well, and we are down about 50K. There are also issues with the new State of Michigan Prison billing company, Well Path, we are down \$133,000 on prison billing alone.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that they have had 1400 calls already this year that have been handled with three officers. Officer Bailey is attending training and Officer Solis is off FTO.

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that the water tower has been power washed and will now be painted inside and out. Hydrant flushing is finished in Madison and Fairfield townships.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported the following:

Adrian Twp. - Corporate Dr. apartments 3 story's are being finished. Madison Twp. – Maurice Spear had a roofing problem on the original.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Trustee Rodgers ask that the minutes from May 2025 be corrected to not show that he was making motions or present for that meeting Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EAP Vender Change – Ulliance EAP Program:

Clerk Moden explained that the current EAP program that the township has used for the last two years has failed to provide the local counseling options needed for our employees use and that she has asked our insurance broker to look for a different vender that can offer us locally available vendors to our employees. Under our current vendor we have had no utilization while paying \$3400 per year, with this new provider it would be \$7800 per year but they offer more services and have local providers available. They also specialize in first responder services. Motion by Moden, second by Rodgers, to approve the use of Ulliance EAP for one year at a cost of \$7800. effective 8/1/2025. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Blue Care Network Insurance Rate Renewal:



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Clerk Moden explained that our renewal was up on our current Blue Care Network insurance policy and that the renewal was increasing by 11.80% for the next year. Per Supervisor Rank that insurance increases were already factored into the 2025 Budget at 15% for this reason in anticipation of this type of increase. Motion by Moden, seconded by Gregg to approve the renewal of our current contract with Blue Care Network with the increase. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Lightning Protection Policy: There was no board action on this subject, it was explained that this policy was required by our insurance liability carrier, and we were notifying the board members of its existence.

Sidewalk Inspection and Maint. Policy: There was no board action on this subject, it was explained that this policy was required by our insurance liability carrier, and we were notifying the board members of its existence.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Retirement reception for Dawn Bales at WesBanc from 1-3

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rogers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk