



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of February 11, 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: Benschoter, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Rodgers and Schutte. Bales absent.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion be Rodgers, supported by Gregg, to approve the agenda as printed. Accepted 6-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Amanda Wagner, from Castleberry/Lucas, sat in at the meeting due to Burke Castleberry being ill.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated the Fire Dept. participated in a Career Day at Madison schools. On 3/18/25 the fire dept. will participate in a tabletop exercise with the local Emergency Mgt. team with regards to Railroad emergencies. Congratulations to Stacy Robinson, Assistant Chief on receiving his Fire Inspector III certification, one of a handful in the State of Michigan to hold this title.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that he has changed his monthly reporting of information to the board. He is reporting on the number of cases that were taken to prosecution and the type and number of traffic accident investigations. Madison Twp. has led the cases this month, outside of the City and County areas. He reported that there had been an accident with the Charger Police car that may result in it being totaled. Officer Bailey was on a traffic stop on M-52 when a drunk driver hit his car from behind, narrowly missing him on foot.

Officer Solis is currently in her second phase of training. Chief Gentner stated that he has assigned each officer ordinances that they are to follow up on any violations that are observed.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson absent

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported the following:

- Maurice Spear Expansion: Doing Good
- Ross's: Permits pulled
- Green Acres: 8 new permits pulled
- DJW plans for 4-Unit housing submitted
- Condo's plans were submitted by Baker

It was a decent month bringing in \$14,000 in permits and fees.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Schutte to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: : Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion by Rank, supported by Rodgers, to table the topic of Water and Sewer Connection fees until next month. Accepted 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Credit Card Policy:

Supervisor Rank presented the board members with a written policy for the use of Township Credit Cards that was encouraged by our Auditors. A motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the printed policy for Township use. Motion passed 6-0.

Airport Section Residents not on Water:

There are Airport Section residents that never hooked up to the water system at the time it was installed, but they did pay the original \$3500.00 assessment fee. Now these residents want to hook up to the water system and the tap fee is currently \$5700.00. The township made a resolution in 2/2023 to charge the full amount of the current tap fee. But having researched it further, the resolution did not take into account that the resident had already paid the \$3500.00 and should be given a credit toward the current fee of \$5700.00 at the time of hook up. That would then reduce the fee to \$2200.00.

Motion by Rank, supported by Shutte, that the 2/2023 resolution be rescinded and a new resolution be presented at the next board meeting in March. Roll call vote: Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.



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ID Printer:

Supervisor Rank presented a quote from a company that provides ID tags, that could be used by all departments in the Township. They are required especially for the Fire Dept for entrance into the Prison for Medical/Fire runs. The ID tags are also needed for Election duties and security. They can also be used by our Inspectors and Assessors as they operate in the township. The cost of the Printer and Camera will be shared by Elections, from grant funds, Water and Sewer, and Fire Dept. The amount will be \$3933.93 for everything. Motion by Rodgers, supported Shutte that the Township purchase the ID Tag system for \$3933.93 and that the cost be supported by Election, Water and Sewer and Fire. Roll call vote: Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget Amendments:

2025 Budget Amendments –

Road Fund

204-448-921-000	\$45,000.00	Street Lights
	Water Capital Improvements	
592-537-973-000	\$1,000,000.00	Capital Outlay
	Water Debt Service	
592-537-993-000	\$135,600.00	Interest on Bond

Rodgers made a motion to approve the above adjustments as stated, supported by Benschoter. Roll Call Vote: Rank, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Schutte, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: Reported that he would be on vacation from 3/21/25 to 4/2/25.

Gregg: Reported he would be going on vacation from 2/18/ to 3/3/25.

Rodgers: Suggested that we might want our DPW employees to wear Township identifying clothing when they are working, similar to Fire Dept.

Schutte: None

Benschoter: None

Moden: None



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AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Resident Thielan – stated that people could wear orange vests to identify them as Township employees, and there should be magnetic signs for the Assessor to use on her vehicle. Glad that the police are looking at policing ordinances.

Resident Gira – Asked why the debris from auto accidents is not being cleaned up afterwards. Response: that is usually done by the wrecker service but will remind our officers to direct the wrecker service to make sure they do it, and we will contact the Sheriff of the same issue for part in accidents they direct to do the same.

Gira stated that the tree limbs laying over the driveway entrances at the corner of Carleton and M-52 or in the road right away.

Gira stated that he still wanted to see the statistics details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk