



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Special Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of October 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. Special 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, Rodgers, Carpenter and Bales. Absent Benschoter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Griewahn stated that the County Opt-Out on tax tribunals was sent to Twp. Attorney for review.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes: 10/10/24

The minutes of the Finance/Budget Committee from 10/10/24 were read and a motion to approve by Carpenter, supported by Gregg. Motion approved 6-0

Fire and Police Committee Meeting Minutes: 10/10/24

The minutes of the Fire/Police Committee from 10/10/24 were read and a motion to approve by Rodgers, supported by Carpenter. Motion Approved 6-0

After much discussion about the recommendation to purchase a Colorado vehicle for the police department in the 2025 budget for the Police Chief to use a motion was made by Rodgers, supported by Moden to add the cost (\$55,000) of a Colorado truck to adjust the 2025 budget



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police budget. Roll call vote: Griewahn, No; Gregg, No; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, No. Motion failed 3-3.

The committee also recommended the purchase of new guns for the police department at a cost of not more than \$6600. On a motion by Carpenter, supported by Gregg to approve the purchase of these guns out of the 2024 Budget with an adjustment to the police budget for 2024. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2025 Proposed Budget:

There were lengthy discussion on various subjects regarding the proposed budget and the state of the current 2024 budget. One question was why aren't we getting a better interest rate on our investment funds, answer was that the funds being questioned are in a checking account type fund. Sewer accounts were discussed with the Prison usage has changed in the last year. One of the biggest concerns is that we don't know our costs/money spent until about March of the following years as the auditor make adjustments after the audits are done. Every one felt that it would better serve the township if we had our auditors give us quarterly reports so that we were working with more realistic numbers as we work on the future year's budgets. Gregg stated that monthly revenue and expenditures would be good. It was discussed that we would currently have to take \$400,000 out of the "rainy day fund" to balance the budget for 2025.

Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to open the floor for public comment on the Proposed 2025 Budget, motion carried 6-0:

1st Public Hearing on the 2025 Proposed Budget was Opened:

No Verbal, Zoom or Written public comments were raised

Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to close the floor to public comments on the Proposed 2025 Budget, motion carried 6-0:

Closed 1st Public Hearing on the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Elected Officials Comments:

Carpenter: Carpenter stated that 2 mills of taxes can be added without voters approval as a Charter Township if done before May. It would have been better if the township had made incremental increases in the last 10 – 20 years, maybe even .25 mills per year to keep up with increased costs, so that drastic cuts in services would not have be considered just to maintain a balanced budget. One mill of increase would help.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk