



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

Gary Griewahn  
*Supervisor*  
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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 March 12, 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 2/13/24:

Motion by Bales, supported by Benschoter to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 2/13/2024. Motion was carried 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to add to New Business the Rate Study Approval. Motion carried 6-0.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** Trash Day is April 13, 2024, Saturday from 8:00 to Noon. No tires or hazardous chemical or paint allowed.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** None

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

### 3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

**Fire:** Chief Wilson stated that the Department is currently finishing up an EMT class that started in 2023, and will make a profit of \$6,000, plus there may be an additional grant amount added on of \$5,000. Interviews for a full-time Paramedic will start the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to replace Jake Munger who left.

**Police:** Chief Gentner stated that Officer Ritchey had received a conditional offer from another employer, and once he receives his formal resignation, he will be posting his full-time position for his replacement. He and the Fire Dept. have met with the Superintendent of Sand Creek Schools regarding “Active Shooter” training for our departments and the School personnel in the first part of April if possible. Currently looking for grants to cover 50% of the cost of new police



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body cameras and researching getting out of a 5-year agreement with Motorola on our existing cameras. The number of traffic stops has greatly increased, but with Ritchey leaving they will go down next month.

**Water/Sewer:** Reported by Watterson that he has started with the rate study, and he has been reviewing the water project costs with the engineers. The increases in costs may require us to look at different amounts on the bonds the township is seeking, but more information is needed before that happens. He stated that it may require a special board meeting to educate the board on the reasons and options if that happens. He anticipates the Spring hydrant flushing may start as early as May or before depending on the weather.

**Inspection:** Rincon stated Bath and Body Works is coming into Madison Twp to replace Rue 21 in the Holson Enterprises plaza. They are planning on doing a \$400,000 renovation of the building soon. He stated that he had been receiving a lot of FOIA requests on properties that are up for sale, asking for any violations, permits, certifications etc. on all types of properties. He is also dealing with the State of Michigan and Federal HUD regulations and definition regarding the licensure of people setting manufactured homes. The two agencies differ in their interpretations.

**Legal:** Mr. Castleberry stated that he had started prosecuting items for the township, and the Police Chief stated that it was the fastest turn-a-round in complaints he has seen. Mr. Bales stated that the Lenawee County Commission had approved \$20,000 to pay in the tax appeal on Walmart taxes.

**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.

### **Water/Sewer Committee Minutes 3-1-24:**

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

### **Fire/Police Committee Minutes 3/6/24:**

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

### **Personnel Committee Minutes 3/6/24:**

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



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**OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2024 Road Work:**

Supervisor Griewahn reported on the 2024 Road work schedule that he received from the Lenawee County Road Commission. He discussed the various road projects that are highlighted to be done in 2024, with the Treat Hwy in conjunction with Palmyra Twp., and the unfinished portion of Baily Hwy.

Motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to add Treat Hwy and Baily Hwy repairs into the current budget for 2024 at a cost of \$456, 543.80, with having to adjust the current budget by \$8,000 in the future. Roll Call Vote: Gregg: Yes; Moden: Yes; Benschoter: Yes; Carpenter: Yes; Bales: Yes, and Griewahn: Yes. Motion carried 6-0

### **Annual Exemption 2011 Public Act152 Resolution:**

Clerk Moden made a motion to accept the resolution for the annual “Opt Out” resolution for the township for our Health Care coverage provided to our employees. This resolution is required by our Union Contract language for both Fire and Police unions. Motion supported by Bales. Roll Call Vote: Gregg: Yes; Moden: Yes; Benschoter: Yes; Carpenter: Yes; Bales: Yes, and Griewahn: Yes. Motion carried 6-0

### **Land Split for 3824 W. Carleton Rd. – Gary Witt:**

Building official, David Rincon recommended the board approve the land split for AC-1 for this address creating a new parcel of 2 acres off of a parcel of 100.98 acres, with all parcels meeting the road frontage requirements. Motion by Carpenter, supported by Bales to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution to Adopt Road/Bridge Millage Language:**

This year the millage currently levied for Road/Bridge use is expiring and needs to be voted upon again by the residents. This time the language of the millage will include township driveways, parking lots and street lights in the township, as well as roads and bridges. **The amount of the millage levied will stay the same as it has been, no increase in the tax amount**, but will be able to be used for other purposes within the township as needed. This resolution will put this language on the August 6, 2024 Primary Election ballot. Motion by Griewahn, supported by Gregg to approve this language for the August 6, 2024 Primary Election ballot. Roll Call Vote: Gregg: Yes; Moden: Yes; Benschoter: Yes; Carpenter: Yes; Bales: Yes, and Griewahn: Yes. Motion carried 6-0



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## 2024 Committee List:

Supervisor Griewahn presented a copy of the 2024 Committee List to the board for approval. Motion to approve by Griewahn, supported by Bales, motion was carried 6-0.

## Resolution to adopt Lenawee County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Craig Tanis, Lenawee County Emergency Management Director, presented to the Board the background and advantages of approving of this resolution for Madison Charter Township. It would provide the township the opportunity to be eligible for grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in the case of a disaster that would fall within the scope of their jurisdiction. This is good for 5 years, then another resolution would need to be adopted. Motion by Bales, supported by Carpenter to adopt this resolution to approve the LC Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote: Gregg: Yes; Moden: Yes; Benschoter: Yes; Carpenter: Yes; Bales: Yes, and Griewahn: Yes. Motion carried 6-0

## Historic Overlay Ordinance Amendment:

A motion to approve the Historic Overlay Amendment to Ordinance #1, that covers properties in R-2; the Drexel Park, Sunnyside and Geller Dr. only, to amend the required frontage to 50 ft. from 60 ft., by Bales, supported by Gregg. Roll Call Vote: Gregg: Yes; Moden: Yes; Benschoter: Yes; Carpenter: Yes; Bales: Yes, and Griewahn: Yes. Motion carried 6-0

Amendment will be published in Telegram and will become effective effective 30 days after publication on March 25, 2024.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

**Griewahn:** Reported that the Board of Review is doing well, they have had 7 properties reviewed so far this week and will be meeting one more day this week.

**Moden:** Information and explanation of how presidential primary election went on 2/27/24.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Dale Thielan asked if the contract with the Assessor, Amanda LaCelle had ever been signed. He was told that yes, a five-year contract was signed last fall of 2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden  
Township Clerk