



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting
Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom)
Minutes of February 13, 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, Rodgers, Benschoter, Carpenter, and Bales.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MTG MINUTES 1/9/24:

Motion by Bales, supported by Gregg to dispense reading and approve the monthly Board meeting minutes as written for 1/9/2024. Motion was carried 7-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Griewahn, supported by Rodgers to add to New Business the Rate Study Approval. Motion carried 7-0.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Representative from Tetra Tech, Brian Ruble spoke about the previous rate study for sewer and water was done in 2017 and was only good through 2022. Brian stated that a rate study should be done every 5 years. The financial advisor needs us to do a current rate study for the purpose of the bonding for the water project. He agrees that Central Lenawee Sewer should be carved out this time to make sure that the State is paying their fair share, without the rest of our residents being affected by their usage. The last time it cost about \$20,000 and this time the price is \$24,000.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson is look at three different grants that could help supplement the expenses to his budget for required equipment and training. He spoke about the working agreement between the inspections at Michaels (old Kmart) for fire suppression with the building department to point out issues before they were approved. It take both departments (fire & building) to catch the various violations that are safety oriented. The tower truck is back in service and they are again testing it out, to make sure that all the issues were addressed to our satisfaction.



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Police: Chief Gentner stated that his call issues this month weren't as bad as last month but that they had just had a stabbing case the night before. He expects there to be 500 contacts by the end of March, due to the increase in traffic stops that are being done daily with the addition of a new officer.

Water/Sewer: Reported by Watterson that Hesco had been in to calibrate the water meters. He also stated that the furnace in the Water Treatment building had gone out and had to be replaced at a cost of \$3800. and was upsized to accommodate the new building from the water project that is coming soon. Guide rails for the pump station were replaced and the installation was finished. The Baldwin lift station aerator were off, so it was discovered that the meter was the issue and it has been serviced.

Inspection: Rincon stated that the log of Building Dept activities was a little different from now on. It will show more of the details of his departments activities, and especially the daily activities and length of time for those activities as it relates to the various projects. He stated that there had been rumors floating around that Michaels and Ross's were not coming into the old Kmart store, but that is not true as they are currently working with them to make sure the building is converted to two separate stores and that the conversion is done properly for both fire and building codes. He stated that he is still fielding questions by a solar company regarding a 100 acre plot somewhere in Madison Twp. Stated that Caliper Collision is fully open and operational now. The old Hill's Garage on Treat Hwy. is in the process of becoming a discount tire company. He stated that township businesses benefit from lower ISO fire ratings in their insurance due to the type of fire/building inspections that are done annually.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Finance Committee Minutes 1-26-24:

Gregg read the minutes of the meeting, and made a motion to approve the minutes, supported by Carpenter. Approved 7-0

There was a discussion about the expiration of the Road Millage this year, and that it was needed to be put on the August Primary Election ballot. The language has to be completed by April 15 to appear on that election ballot. There was discussion that there was no intent to increase the amount of the millage, but to change the language in the millage to allow the township to use the money collected for a wider purposes, such as maintenance of township parking lots, street lights and other things that are currently paid out of the general fund. In so stating this intent, Burke Castleberry, township attorney, stated that due to this change in language, it would not be a "renewal" millage but would be categorized as a "new" millage, even though the amount stays



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the same. Currently it is 1.156 mills for 4 years. Griewahn asked the attorney to create the new language and give it to the board for the next meeting in March.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Rate Proposal:

Motion by Bales, supported by Rodgers that the Board accept the proposal by Tetra Tech for the Water/Sewer Rate study and that this study should carve out the Central Lenawee Sewer as a separate entity. Roll call vote: Griewahn, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; Benschoter, Yes, Carpenter, Yes; and Bales, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was stated that this study was approved in 2023 but was later put on hold due to the idea of separating the Prison out. It was also stated that the water rates may go up, but that the sewer rates may come down, netting a -0- change to the customers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Griewahn: Stated that Adrian Twp. agreement to use the services of our Building/Zoning official is going to stay the same as was signed by then Clerk, Etter and Clerk Hoskens on 12/4/2019 that renews in perpetuity going forward.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Rodney Meeks asked the board about Cyber Attacks that might impact our water/sewer systems, what has been done at the township? Tim Watterson stated that an assessment is being done now in order to meet the EPA requirements. A water group is currently working to make it mandatory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Gregg, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk