



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of May 12, 2026

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: Rank, Gregg, Moden, Benschoter, and Schutte. Absent Bales and Rodgers.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Mark Swinehart, retirement. Fire Chief Nic Wilson read a lengthy recollection of Mark's 31-year full-time career as a Firefighter/EMT Caption position, and the prior years as a paid-on call firefighter that started in 1979 for a total of 47 years on the Madison Twp Fire Department. He was presented with a certificate from the Madison Fire Dept. and a certificate of retirement from the Madison Charter Twp board from Ryan Rank, twp. supervisor.

Commissioner Blanko was in attendance and reported that she has been put on various committees, i.e. Land Bank, Airport Committee. She is learning the extent of these committees. She reported that the tree cutting over near the airport is nearly done, and the second phase of the Maurice Spear campus was in progress on the interior.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson reported that he is currently working on a strategic plan for his department and employees for the next 3 years. The six pillars of this plan include 1). Internal instructions; 2). Staffing plans for next 5 – 10 years.; 3). Education within the community; 4). Developing regional partners; 5). Financial Readiness; and 6). Health of employees, community members.

He stated that two of our current employees went to fire school and received news that they had both passed.



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Police: Chief Gentner stated Ben Oram would be back on the force full time working on violations and investigations by the end of May when school is out.

Chief is holding more and more frequent in-house training with the entire police workforce, to better represent the type and amount similar to that done by the fire dept. He also reported that 3 of the current police vehicles have their interior car cameras installed and working, still two more to be installed.

Water/Sewer: Watterson absent.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon stated that building permits have been strong this month, with Madison at \$20,000. With Adrian Twp and Madison combined, \$110,00 in building permits alone were booked. Citations were also processed .

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Benschoter, supported by Schutte, to approve the consent agenda and previous month's board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Week Resolution:

Supervisor Ryan Rank read a 2026 resolution recognizing the efforts and gratitude for the members of the law enforcement that keep our community safe, the resolution certificate was presented to Police Chief Gentner.

Motion to accept the resolution was made by Clerk Moden, supported by Treasurer Gregg. Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Moden: Made a plea for anyone interested in working as an election inspector should contact her as soon as possible because the first part of June is when the required training is being done by the County.



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Rank: He stated that he had met with consultants for Palmyra Twp on the possible idea of selling water to parts of Palmyra Twp., similar to how we sell water to Fairfield Twp. It is currently in only the possibility stage; no decisions have been made.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Bill Gira wanted to know why the International Property Maint. code was not on our website; he was told that it was but not where he may have looked and we had new employees in the office who are being trained to use the website.

Resident Janet Bunch asked what had been done about the water issue she was having on her property. She stated that the trench DJW put in from their pond to the culver it was overflowing. Ryan stated that the issue of the culver was a civil issue and a road commission and or the county drain commission.

Resident Wynn Fike stated that there had been a cistern and old ditch north of the river on Balwin Hwy and Rivers Edge. He also thanked the Police Dept for putting up the electronic speed sign on Cadmus Rd., feels that it is effective.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Benschoter, seconded by Schutte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden, Township Clerk