



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of May 13, 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: Bales, Gregg, Moden, Rank, and Schutte. Benschoter and Rodgers were absent.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Mr. Goudy, from Eden East was present his position of need for a change to the ordinance for marijuana regarding the time that the dispensary can be open for business.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that he was down one ambulance, Medic 4 for mechanical problems. He stated he had 4 new EMT's working with them to get their certifications.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that Officer Loren Solis will be off probation next week.

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated they have started to order the parts for the water project, Hydrant flushing is almost finished.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported the following:

- Collected \$16,000 in Building Permit fees
- Adrian Twp. – the third story is going up on the apts. on Corporate Drive.
- Ross's is on schedule to get an inspection tomorrow



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- WalMart has a 10,000 square foot renovation planned for their interior, and 4,000 square foot renovation outside.

Legal: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Bales, supported by Schutte to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Appreciation Resolution:

Supervisor Rank read a resolution recognizing our police for the work that they do during the May police appreciation week. Motion by Moden supported by Bales to accept the resolution. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Rank presented Police Chief Gentner a copy of the resolution at that time.

2396 E. US 223 Conditional Use – Vet Clinic:

Supervisor Rank explained that this conditional use request had gone to the Planning Commission on April 24, 2025 a had been approved, now it needs the board to vote on it. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Bales to approve the requested conditional use as provided. Motion passed 5-0.

PA 116 for Neuroth Farms:

Clerk Moden presented an application from Neuroth Farms for certification of their land in the PA 116, the application has been approved at the County level Planning Commission. Motion by Moden, seconded by Bales to approve the application. Motion passed 5-0

Cemetery Lawn Maintenance:

Clerk Moden presented that the lawn service personnel that had been doing the cemetery's called and stated that their business is closing, due to the timing of the this notice the second bidder that had submitted bids in 2024 was Bundy's Lawn Service. They agreed to take the contract under the 2024 bid and sign the contract until 2027. A motion to accept this bid and company as our



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new cemetery maintenance company, was made by Bales and supported by Schutte. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2025-1 – Water Connection Fees

A resolution was presented that stated that Resolution 2023 was being rescinded and that water connections fees for property owners who have paid the initial water assessment will be amended. Motion by Bales, supported by Schutte to approve the submitted resolution to be rescinded and amendment to be made. Vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: Stated that a resident asked that the board recognize Clerk Moden for her work at the Spring Clean Up day.

He announced that there will be signs put up at Ghost Tressel for “No Dumping”

Bales: Discussed the hours that the marijuana dispensary’s can be open. A motion was made by Bales seconded by Schutte that Eden East will be allowed to stay open until midnight on a temporary basis, until the board amends the current ordinance. Motion passed 5-0

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Mr. Gouty, of Eden East: Thanked the board for looking into making an amendment to the ordinance that would allow them to have longer hours of operation in their dispensary.

Resident Deb Hickman: Explained that the smell from the marijuana plants nearby is bad in the mornings.

Resident Bill Gira: Voice concern about the two houses that were built recently on Cadmus road that they were built on a wetland. Rincon explained that he had done his due diligence on that property before he allowed them to build. According to FEMA and EGLE that property is not deemed a wetland. There was an engineered footing, and the township does not give permits for ponds. The builder had the approval from the Road Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk