



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of March 11, 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, Benschoter, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Rodgers and Schutte. All Present.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Motion be Rodgers, supported by Benschoter, to approve the agenda as printed. Approved 7-0

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that it has been a rough month on vehicles, currently there are two ambulances out of service, leaving only one available. One is due to an issue with a high pressure fuel, another one has a liquid suspension issue and the third one had a water pump replaced and is back in service. We have “borrowed” an ambulance from Morenci Fire Department and another one from Adrian Charter Township Fire Department until our township ambulances are repaired, unknown time table for that to happen.

There have been major IT issues with our email system, currently we are working with Creek Enterprises, Go Daddy and Microsoft to get it fixed, but it is not going to be a quick fix as they are not sure of the cause or the fix at this time.

Police: Chief Gentner stated that Madison was the leader this month in the number of police issues, other than Adrian City, Sheriff Dept and Tecumseh. He announced that there would be another “Active Shooter” training in April. The old Charger Police car is up for bid and the newer Charger is going in to be fixed from the accident with a drunk driver last month.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that he was sending out a survey to the residents on E. Carleton Rd. as to the interest or opinion that they may have regarding the township putting in water down that section of the road. He also reported that they had had two water main breaks in the township that were repaired.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported the following:

- Collected \$18,000 in Building Permit fees
- Green Acres currently has 8 permits open
- Eden East is waiting for their license from the State to open Dispensary
- There is a 10-acre solar farm looking to open in 2026
- A large developer is looking to meet with the township regarding potentially 84 units.

Legal: None

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

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Information from last month's tabled business regarding changing the Water/Sewer connection fees to better reflect the true costs involved, was further discussed. The cost to do another rate study would cost between \$20,000 and \$50,000 dollars, and there is no president to do it now. But it is suggested that each year that a Cost-of-Living increase comes before the board, in order to keep up with raising costs.

Motion by Rank, seconded by Schutte that the current water connection fee be lower by \$1000.00 as well as lowering the sewer connection fee by \$1000.00. The new fee would then be \$4700. for water connection and \$4229. for the sewer connection, and the board to look at Cost-of-Living rate adjustment yearly. Roll Call Vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Road Maintenance:

- **Budget Amendment for Road Maintenance and Repair**

204-446-930-000 Expenditure \$117,156



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Motion by Schutte, seconded by Gregg to approve the amendment for 2025 Road Maintenance and Repair fund. Roll Call Vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Resolution for Approval of 2025 Road Maintenance Work**

Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte to approve the 2025 Road Maintenance Work resolution as written and submitted. Roll Call Vote: Bales, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Approval for Supervisor to sign contracts with the Lenawee County Road Commission for 2025 Road Maintenance**

Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Schutte to approve signature by Township Supervisor to sign and approve 2025 Road Maintenance contracts as needed. Roll Call Vote: Bales, No; Benschoter, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Supervisor Rank stated that as of the start of 2025 the township had a road fund balance of \$572,930.00 in the Road Construction Code account. He stated that he had given the road commission a proposed budget for the next 3 years, based on the Road Millage that passed in November 2024 election. The amounts are as follows: 2025 - \$450,000; 2026 - \$350,000; and 2027 - \$350,000. These are proposed numbers for budgeting purposes, which would leave a fund balance at the end of 2027 of \$315,774.00 if we were to take \$257,156 out of the fund balance.

First Public Reading: Opened at 7:25 p.m. Closed 7:30

Ordinance adopting the Code entitled “Code of Ordances, Madison Charter Township”, published by CivicPlus, LLC, consisting of Chapters 1-32.

There were changes to some violations regarding as to whether the punishment would be a civil infraction or a misdemeanor, upon the recommendation of our township attorney.

First Public Reading: Opened at 7:30 p.m. Closed 7:35

Amendment to Ordinance No. 17 – Disorderly Persons



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Changes were made to reflect the State Law in Michigan regarding the age of violators for drinking, smoking and marijuana.

There will be a second public reading in the April 2025 board meeting on both of these items.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Bales: Expressed his opinion about not liking the fact that the township does not have any say with amount that the LC Road Commission charges for the work that they do for the township.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Resident Deborah Hickman – stated that she likes our new website, stated that she lives in Drexel Park and that the marijuana businesses are giving off a strong order and who should she notify, she also mentioned all the trash in the Drexel Park area.

Supervisor Rank mentioned that he had been told by our attorney that marijuana smell complaints should be sent to Michigan EGLE, but that last week he received notification from EGLE that those complaints belong to the local government to solve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, 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