



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of October 14, 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, Benschoter, and Schutte. Absent where Rank and Rodgers.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Moden mentioned that there was an election at the Township Hall for all registered voter residents in the Madison School District on 11/4/2025.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None Noted: Students from Sand Creek High School government class.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that a contract for manpower EMS services was signed with Blissfield Twp for a period not to exceed 6 months. The current EMT class has approximately 25 students and will provide income to the township for approximately \$18,000 for providing this service to the community. He stated that he had recently participated in an Emergency Management Workshop, he was also able to participate in the Genesee County church shooting incident wrap up with various county emergency management groups. One of our ambulances needs a new diesel engine, at a cost of \$21,000, which is available in the Apparatus Fund. We are looking at what it will take to refurbish Engine 3 at some point in 2027, what will be replaced and what would be the cost.

Police: Chief Gentner reported that the Police Department is on track to exceed 3000 calls this year. Currently the department is down one officer, we have the open police officer position posted. Currently the Police Department has recently set up a Facebook page.



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Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that hydrant flushing will finish up by 10/24/2025. He reported that he had gotten the new hydrants in and working. They are waiting to get he dept. trained in how to use the new line locator that was approved last month. They are currently working on getting the necessary meters that need to be replaced in the Home Acres subdivision as part of Phase I of looking at the savings in water wasted from bad or aged meters.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported a very busy month, Adrian Twp. Corporate Drive apartments have received final inspection to open 16 units. Also, finalized were the inspections for Maurice Spear facility, they are also looking at doing a refurbishment of the existing buildings. He reported that he had talked to a developer that was interested in purchasing land to develop a new neighborhood in the township. Another Adrian Twp project was the Humane Society build starting soon. He also mentioned the solar farm in Adrian Twp was getting all new trees.

Legal: Amanda stated that she looked into the question from last month meeting regarding the zoning rules on accessory structures. The question was that the ordinance shows two different heights that these buildings can be, one is 12 ft. under Accessory Structures, 4.11.6 (b) and the other is in the table for Section 4.11 it states 25 ft is the maximum height an accessory building can be. Zoning inspector, Rincon stated that on 7-12-2024 he asked our attorney Fred Lucas this same question and he responded that we were to use the table from Section 4.11 at 25 ft. Amanda said that is true, be cause where there are conflicting situations whereas this the more liberal amount (25 ft.) will be looked at by as the courts or the State as the correct use.

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

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License Application – Fu Shun Jia Yuan – Chinese Resterant

China Buffet at 2584 S. Main St, Adrian is submitting an application for a liquor license to be able to serve Beer and Wine. They must have approval of the Township to submit their application to the State of Michigan.

Motion to approve the request by Bales, supported by Gregg. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.



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2025 Budget Amendments:

	Construction Code	
249-172-971-000	\$56,000.	Capital Outlay Purchase of Echo Unit
	Police Dept.	
101-301-931-000	\$7,000.	Vehicle Maintenance And Repair
101-301-971-000	\$11,400.	Capital Outlay-Cameras
101-301-710-000	\$3,000.	Worker's compensation
	Fire Dept.	
101-336-934-000	\$11,600.	Bldg. Maintenance & Repair-Floor Damage
101-336-710-000	\$3,600.	Worker's Compensation
101-651-710-000	\$13,000.	Worker's Compensation
101-651-931-000	\$18,000.	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
	Bldg. & Apparatus	
403-336-971-000	\$60,000.	Capital Outlay-Vehicle Maintenance-Fire Gear-Correction To Budget

Motion to approve budget adjustment as submitted by Gregg, supported by Moden. Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Bales: Asked Watterson to produce a spreadsheet regarding the Sewer Smoke test results calculations. Stated that the rain will greatly impact the results.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Moden: Stated that the Fall Lawn Drop Off would be posted on the website for November 8th, the second Saturday of the month.

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