



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Informational Meeting Held in Person and on Zoom Minutes of October 28, 2025

3:00 p.m. Informational Board Meeting called.

Present in person: Gregg, Moden, Rank, Bales, and Schutte. Also present: Gentner, Rincon, Watterson and Wilson. Audience: Dale Thielan.

Supervisor Rank stated that this meeting and any future meetings of this nature are for informational and discussion purposes only. No voting or decisions on any topic will be made.

Supervisor Rank provided the most recent copy of the 2026 General Fund Budget for everyone to study. He went page by page and discussed the changes that he had made to date based on trimming the fat wherever he could find it. He explained that property taxes in Michigan will be going up 2.7% statewide as he understands from our assessor. He also stated that Michigan is changing the way that Marijuana businesses are being taxed also, now that we have one dispensary in the township. The state has not given any concrete numbers on what the State Revenue Sharing numbers will be for 2026 yet.

Ryan also talked about the need to revamp some of our budget line items in order to get a clearer picture of what each individual cost group is paying for, such as Workers' Compensation costs by department. The cost of re-doing parking lots at the fire dept. and police dept. was discussed and due to the exorbitant prices for both, it was discussed that maybe it makes sense to just do the Police Department in 2026 at \$100,000 due to the drainage issues that create flooding problems. It was noted that the money can now be used out of the Roads and Bridges Millage funds, since the language was approved in 11/24 election to use for parking lots.

There was discussion on the upcoming Capital Outlay for the fire department, and it was noted that the Stryker Equipment payment will be \$115,000 and an additional \$155,000 for the new Tahoe and the custom equipment and signage/lights needed to make it ready for use for a total of \$270,000 Fire Capital Outlay.

Police Chief Gentner stated that he has decided to put his open police officer position on hold at this time until a February 2026 timeframe. He has re-ordered all of his current officer's shifts to 12 hours during the most active hours with a small overlap.

Ryan stated that we would have a public hearing at the November monthly Board Meeting to hopefully pass the 2026 Budget.



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Motion by Schutte, seconded by Bales to adjourn. Motion carried.

No other discussions were held. Meeting dismissed and closed at 4:40 pm

Typed and Submitted by:
Janet Moden, Township Clerk