



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of September 9, 2025

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting called to order, with a silent prayer, and pledge to the flag said by all.

ROLL CALL:

All present in person: Bales, Gregg, Moden, Rank, Benschoter, Schutte and Rodgers.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Resident Bill Gira noted that he thought the idea of putting cameras in the Madison Twp Police cars was a good idea, and he stated that he had thought we already had them.

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson stated that this is the season for the department participating in covering football games at Madison and Sand Creek schools, adult EMT classes starting that will last until May with approximately 24 students. There will be a meeting tomorrow with the insurance people who are covering the Prison ambulance coverage then on Friday there will be a meeting with our state legislators for Lenawee County. Jenkins and Bellino

Police: Chief Gentner absent

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated that hydrant flushing will happen in Madison and Fairfield from Sept 17 thru Oct. 24. Currently there are 4 hydrants out of service. Will be requesting two new hydrants be purchased for the Woodland Hills and the Madison School areas. At the last Sewer/Water committee meeting a line locator was proposed for purchase.



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Inspection: Building Official, Rincon reported a very busy month, Adrian Twp. Corporate Drive apartments being one area. Investor DJW was invited to Adrian Twp meeting to speak about continued growth in that township.

Currently he has been contacted by an investor about adding 84 condo, but nothing that he can talk about publicly yet. Lenawee Humane Society is getting ready to break ground in Adrian Twp for a build at 7 million on the property next to Hickman Hospital on N. Adrian Hwy.

Legal: None present but are re-working our ordinance's for use with International Property Maintenance Code.

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

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Dept Gear Purchase:

Chief Wilson presented a proposal to the board for the purchase of 5 sets of complete Fire Dept turn out gear for 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$23,500. The expiration on gear is every 10 years. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the proposal as submitted, not to exceed \$23,500.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Madison Fire Dept. Staffing Agreement with Blissfield Fire Dept.:

Chief Wilson presented the board with a proposed staffing agreement to give to Blissfield Twp Fire and their Township Board, if and when they would use Madison Twp Fire Dept personnel during the day to staff the Blissfield Fire Department, due to personnel shortages to make their ambulances legal to run calls. It calls for 10 hour shifts Monday – Friday. Motion Rodgers, supported by Bales, to give Supervisor Rank the permission to meet with Blissfield Twp Board Supervisor and Fire Chief to negotiate and sign any contract regarding this coverage. Term limit is 6 months at this time.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.



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New Water Meters:

Tim Watterson, DPW Supervisor, presented the board with the projected costs to replace the township water system with new water meters at the residential and commercial locations and also the costs to get new software to read the meters. There was discussion on the costs and what other options of installation could be developed that would mitigate the \$800K current cost projections. Phasing the project into various areas was suggested. The majority of the water meters, in current use, are around 30 years old, and it is suspected that we are losing revenue due to the age of the meters and their ability to give us correct readings. A motion by Schutte and supported by Bales that the approx. 260 residents in Home Acres and all Madison Twp commercial water members be the first to get the new water meter, and we would not upgrade any software at this time, and the cost is not to exceed \$200,000.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DPW Purchase of two new Fire Hydrants:

Motion by Bales supported by Rodgers to approve the DPW dept to purchase 2 new fire hydrants as a cost of \$7700.00.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DPW Purchase of New Line Locator:

Motion by Bales supported by Rodgers to approve the DPW dept to purchase a new line locator a cost of \$5700.00.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Police Dept In-Car Camara Purchase:

Currently our Police cars do not have cameras in them and the proposed system by Axion Enterprise, Inc. (the same company that our police body cameras are from) for the five police cars would cost \$56,742.00 in total over 60 months or \$11,348.40 per year. Motion by Rodgers, supported by Benschoter to approve the quote received at \$56,742.00 for five police cars “in-car” cameras.

Roll call vote: Bales, Yes; Gregg, Yes; Moden, Yes; Rank, Rodgers, Yes; Schutte, Yes; and Benschoter, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.



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First Reading of Amendment to Ordinance 35:

Supervisor Rank stated that he has been aware that the document that was received from Castleberry Law was not in compliance with previous Board action in a special board meeting in September of 2024 regarding the adoption of the International Property Maintenance code for Madison Twp. At that time, the board decided to not accept the entirety of the Code, but to have Castleberry go through the code and point out the necessary specific code areas that would be appropriate for the township to adapt. To date that has not been done. Supervisor Rank tabled this matter until next month for that reason.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Rank: Stated that he would be out of the country for the October meeting. Stated that he would be meeting with our state legislators on Friday of this week to discuss the Prison bill that has not been paid for past ambulance services.

Bales: Stated he appreciated explanation on the in-car camera annual costs, and that he was glad to see that the pursuit policy was back.

Moden: Stated that she would not be at the October meeting also, as she is attending the MERS retirement convention from October 13-17.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident, Curtis Parsons, 2361 E. Clearview stated that he had checked into our building height ordinance and that his neighbor has a structure that is in violation of our ordinance Art 4.1.1.6 amendment. After discussion with Rincon, who is aware of the issue prior, and has had discussions with Lucas in the past about it, Atty. Wagner will look into it again and let the board know the outcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rogers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden
Township Clerk