



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON

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Madison Township Board Meeting Held in Person and Electronically (Zoom) Minutes of July 14, 2026

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: Rank, Moden, Gregg, Benschoter, Bales, Rodgers (late- 7:04) and Schutte.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

3-MINUTE DEPT. HEAD UPDATES:

Fire: Chief Wilson absent

Police: Chief Gentner stated that the Police Dept parking lot will be closed on July 17 for scheduled re-paving project. He stated that he would be putting instructions upon their Facebook page that will direct the public to come to the Township Office and then the staff will call the officer and they will meet the public at the Township offices. He stated that at the last bad storm last week the 911 dispatch answered over 2000 calls on that shift with just 3 dispatchers on duty. Needless to say

Water/Sewer: Watterson stated the new water treatment project is nearly completed with a new two filter base. The new water meters are in and invoiced for \$42,000.

Inspection: Building Official, Rincon stated that building permits for the month had be \$11K, Stated that Little Ceasar's is going into gas station on the corner of Treat Rd and U.S. 223, CR Motors is looking to start a large renovation of their current location. Also, Sam Beaufort Woodworking Academy is hiring as of now.



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Legal: None

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

OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Interfund Transfer:

Due to the timing of receiving funds from the State and when tax dollars are collected during the budget year the General Fund reserves run low enough that the Treasurer feels that we need to have a process in place to bolster/borrow funds from the Sewer/Water fund only if needed.

Motion by Gregg, Seconded by Bales to approve the Resolution submitted with one correction on Item #5 to add "or" between Supervisor and Clerk. After much discussion regarding whether this was the best strategy right now or if there were better long term solutions. A Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Bales, Yes; Rodgers, No; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Construction Code Budget Fund Resolution:

With the upgrade to BS&A cloud program that was approved last month board meeting, the cost for a portion of the upgrade needs to come out of the Construction Code fund to pay for it, as this department is one of the heaviest users of the software program.

These expenditures exceed the 2026 budget under the Construction Code and this resolution adjusts that amount by \$6,000.00 from \$500.00 with the final amount being \$6500.00.

Motion by Rank, seconded by Gregg to approve the resolution (26-7-2) as presented. Roll call vote: Rank: Yes; Moden, Yes; Benschoter, Yes; Bales, Yes; Rodgers, Yes; and Schutte, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Gregg: Stated that Fire/Police/EMS are 83.7% of the budget.

Bales: Stated that Police are costing one quarter of the budget due to past spending from old police chief and past supervisors. That a lot of people that are under the misunderstanding that we have 24 hr police service, when we do not.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Resident Wynn Fike stated “make cuts, that’s the way it is”.

Resident Bill Gira stated that the millage was increased last month but that the citizens group never met to go over the financials. Doesn’t understand why the Supervisor and the Treasurer are not on the same page regarding the budget health. Suggested that Adrian Twp and Madison Twp combine their police depts to save money. Questioned blight on farm house on M-52 and W. Gorman.

Resident Matt Carpenter stated he was concerned about drainage in his area that is coming from Treat Rd businesses that process and store gravel and other products that are changing the grade on his property. Tom Neill, Foster’s, Bill Brown were some of the properties mentioned. He is asking that letters be sent to these businesses regarding their ability to follow the Waltermeyer Drain lawsuit directions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rank announced that a quarterly report was attached from our Assessor.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Motion by Rodgers, seconded by Benschoter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-Yes; 0-No. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Typed and Submitted by:

Janet Moden, Township Clerk