

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM 20

Chairman Wayman called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of June 9, 2026, to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held in the Trustees' Meeting Room at the Administration Building.

Mr. Wayman called for a roll call: Mr. White, Mr. Sill, Mr. Wayman, Ms. Hamercheck, Chief Hager, Assistant Chief Gosnik, Mr. Ungers, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. Cook was absent with a prior commitment.

Mr. Wayman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wayman stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to reflect on things and to remember family, friends, and neighbors, who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents Diane W. Mate, Anthony R. Seghetti, Michael William Zunuch, Joanne D'Abate, Beverly George, Johnnie Meier, Julia Pelton, and Lois C. Madonna.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the Minutes for the May 28, 2026, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve the Minutes for the May 28, 2026, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred fifty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$148,651.80) (actual) for June 9, 2026.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred fifty-one dollars and eighty- cents (\$148,651.80) (actual) for June 9, 2026, attached to and made part of these Minutes, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred forty thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars and twenty-three cents (\$140,535.23) (actual) for June 12, 2026, and payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-six thousand, one hundred seventeen dollars and seventy-four cents (\$136,117.74) (estimate) for June 26, 2026.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred forty thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars and twenty-three cents (\$140,535.23) (actual) for June 12, 20236, and payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-six thousand, one hundred seventeen dollars and seventy-four cents (\$136,117.74) (estimate) for June 26, 2026, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve Resolution #26-080, A Resolutions honoring Troy Hager upon the special occasion of his retirement as Madison Township Chief of Police after three years of dedicated and devoted public service to Madison Township.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve Resolution #26-080, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman read Resolution #26-080.

"A Resolution honoring Troy Hager upon the special occasion of his retirement as Madison Township Chief of Police after three (3) years of dedicated and devoted public service to Madison Township.

WHEREAS, Troy Hager served and began his tenure as the esteemed Police Chief of Madison Township, Ohio, on April 17, 2023, a role he has executed with exceptional dedication and distinction; and

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WHEREAS, Troy Hager throughout his tenure, has played a vital role in the community, consistently demonstrating a positive influence to all individuals with whom he came in contact with; and

WHEREAS, his professionalism, integrity and leadership have significantly contributed to the growth and effective operation of the Township Police; and

WHEREAS, Troy Hager is now retiring from his position, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated public service that has earned him deep respect and admiration of the Board of Trustees, Township employees and the entire community.

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Madison Township and the Board of Township Trustees, thank Troy Hager for his three (3) years of dedicated and enthusiastic public service as Township Police Chief.”

Mr. Wayman thanked Chief Hager for his service and said he enjoyed working with the Chief. Mr. Wayman said Chief Hager’s professionalism and dedication to the job was very much appreciated, and he is sorry to see him go. Chief Hager thanked the Board, and said this wraps up forty (40) years. Chief Hager said he is not leaving Madison. He said he is getting older, and his grandchildren are getting older. He wants to spend more time with them, but he is not leaving Madison. His children graduated from Madison High School, and he has lived here twenty-seven (27) years. He would like to be active in the community. He spoke with Assistant Chief Gosnik about volunteering on a stormy night. Chief Hager stated the efficiency of this place is beyond anything he has ever seen in forty (40) years. Everyone is working to do the best for this community. Chief Hager said to end his career here where he lives is amazing. Mr. Wayman said he is glad Chief Hager is staying in Madison and will be active in the community. Mr. Sill said to put himself in harm’s way for forty years for us takes a special person, and he can’t thank Chief Hager enough for that. To also want to be around after forty (40) years to serve the community is a testament to Chief Hager’s character, and he appreciates it and thanks him for that. Mr. White thanked Chief Hager for his dedication to Madison Township. Mr. White said they haven’t worked together long, but he can see Chief Hager’s heart is here in Madison. and he thanks him very much. Chief Hager thanked everyone for their comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Gosnik stated in the month of May, 2026, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,209 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,209	911	24
Administrative	4	Alarm	32
Animal Complaint	27	Arrest on Warrant	1
Assault with Injury	2	Abandoned Vehicle	2
Assault Report	4	Assist Fire Department	242
Assist Other	4	Assist Police	6
Business Check	95	Custody Dispute	2
Civil	9	Court	6
Community Policing	12	Criminal Damaging	1
Disabled Vehicle	5	Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance	19	Damage Accident	15
Dead on Arrival	1	Directed Patrol	16
Domestic Violence	7	Family Dispute	4
Fight	1	Fireworks Complaint	1
Fraud	5	Phone Harassment	3

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Harassment	5	Hazard	28
House Check	1	Hit & Run	2
Investigation/Follow Up	25	Information	37
Injury Accident	12	Juvenile Complaint	13
K-9	3	Littering/Illegal Dumping	2
Lockout	25	Misassigned	4
Missing Person	2	Neighbor Complaint	4
Noise Complaint	16	Open Door/Window	3
Private Property Accident	6	Parking Violation	1
Prowler	1	Property Damage	4
Property Found	11	Property Lost	1
Repossession	2	Runaway	1
Security Check	87	Sex Offense	1
Shots/Noise	1	Shoplifting	1
Sick Call Off	5	Special Detail	30
SRO	53	Subpoena Served	1
Suicide Attempt	1	Suicide Threat	6
Suspicious Circumstance	52	Suspicious Person	19
Suspicious Vehicle	13	Test Call	7
Theft	5	Threat	8
Traffic Stop	95	Training	7
Transport	1	Trespassing	5
Traffic Complaint	33	Traffic Detail	1
Unwanted Subject	1	Vandalism	2
Welfare Check	14		

Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #26-081** A Resolution declaring it is necessary to levy a tax in excess and outside of the ten (10) mill limitation for the stated renewal purpose, said levy being a renewal of a 1.9 mill Police Levy.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve **Resolution #26-081**, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman stated this is a very important levy for the Police Department. It is very important to keep the Police Department up and running. Mr. Pasqualone asked if the Township has considered appointing some type of committee to put signs up and push the levy in the community a little more. Mr. Wayman said it is probably not a bad idea as there are people willing to help with this issue.

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Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #26-082**, A Resolution appointing Matthew Gosnik from Assistant Chief to Madison Township Police Chief effective June 22, 2026.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve **Resolution #26-082**, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Pasqualone stated attached to the Resolution is the employee contract so there is no need for an Executive Session.

Assistant Chief Gosnik stated the department had 1,209 calls for service last month, so it was a busy month. The numbers are up a little across the board with an increase in traffic and accidents. Due to the nice weather, residents are out and about more.

Assistant Chief Gosnik said the Madison Library held the annual "Pet the Truck" event on June 4th. This is an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with the equipment used by the Fire District, Madison Township Service Department, Madison Village, and Police Department. A fire truck was on display along with a police cruiser. A little less than three hundred (300) people attended the event. There will be a "Safety Town" event on June 23rd with several officers there to meet and greet the kids and their parents.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated everyone is aware of the two (2) pending legal cases. There is nothing new to report on the Federal case. The wheels of justice move very slowly, but Mr. Pasqualone said he would keep the Board advised.

Mr. Pasqualone said the other case is the records request in the Court of Claims and has been assigned to a special master. The procedure is composed of deadlines. The Township had until June 4th to file a list of events. Mr. Pasqualone filed everything he wanted the special master to review on June 4th. The other party had to do the same which she did. The Township has until June 16th to file a motion to dismiss or a summary judgment. Thereafter, the other party has to file a response. A decision will be made by the special master by July 6th. Mr. Pasqualone will keep the Board posted.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to set a Budget Hearing at 11:45 A.M. on June 25, 2026, and a Special Meeting at 12:00 P.M. Noon on June 25, 2026. This is for the first step of the 2027 Budget.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to set a Budget Hearing on June 25, 2026, at 11:45 A.M. and a Special Meeting on June 25, 2026, at 12:00 P.M. Noon, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Ms. Hamercheck stated the budget is due by July 15, 2026, but she wants to file early in case there are changes to be made or corrections that have to be made.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, stated he did not have any Resolutions. The only update is that the first week of abatements started, and Canter Lawn Service will be sending him the invoices for abated properties. Mr. Ungers will have certified costs for the next meeting.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Mr. Price, said the work report for last month is in the Trustees' folders. Geauga Highway is working on the repairs, castings, and asphalt for several roads, the Township has milled and filled roads so the chip seal can begin, and the Service Department is continuing the mowing and Park maintenance.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Cook, Administrator, was absent with a prior commitment.

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OTHER:

Mr. Wayman said a brief Budget Hearing and Special Meeting will be held on June 25, 2026 at 11:45 A.M. and Noon.

Mr. Wayman stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held July 14, 2027, at 7:00 P.M. with the Trustees' Workshop Meeting preceding at 6:30 P.M. During our summer months, there will be only one Regular Meeting and Workshop in the months of June, July, and August on the second Tuesday of each month.

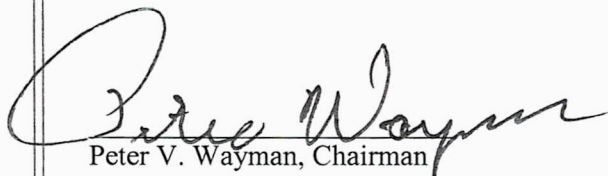
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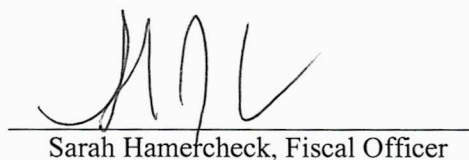
Mr. William Sizemore, 7228 Lake Road, addressed the Board regarding bushes. Mr. Sizemore said back in August of 2025, he talked to Mr. Ungers regarding bushes growing in the road right-of-way on the southeast corner of Park Avenue & Haywood Avenue obstructing the view from seeing traffic coming from the east while turning onto Haywood Avenue from Hubbard Road. Mr. Sizemore said under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 133.1 Fences, it says fences shall be constructed outside the road right-of-way. Section 133.2 says no fence shall be permitted which restricts the visibility or causes an unsafe condition for motor vehicles or pedestrians. Mr. Sizemore stated the definition of a "living fence" is a natural dense barrier made by closely planting trees, shrubs, or other plants together to form a living wall. Mr. Sizemore said on September 22, 2025, he spoke to Mr. Ungers and Mr. Cook and was told the property owner was given two (2) weeks to take care of the bushes and since the time had expired, the bushes would be trimmed by the Service Department or removed, if necessary. Mr. Sizemore said on October 29, 2025, the road crew came out and trimmed the bushes for approximately fifteen (15) minutes and left. There is still no clear view of traffic without being in the intersection. Mr. Sizemore said because of those bushes, recently his wife was facing north at the intersection and almost struck a woman pushing a baby in a stroller who turned right onto Haywood Avenue. He is here at the meeting tonight to make the Township Trustees aware of the dangerous situation at that intersection. Mr. Sizemore said hopefully, the bushes can be removed before there is a fatality. Mr. Sizemore thanked the Board for their time and attention to this matter. Mr. Ungers stated he met with the Administrator and the Service Director there last week, and the daughter of the property owner said she did not mind if the bushes were removed if altogether. The bushes were cut back last fall, but have grown since then. Mr. Ungers said they would be cut back extensively or removed. Everyone agrees they are blocking the view. Mr. Sizemore said the bushes were trimmed last year, but it did not solve the problem. It is a hazard waiting to happen. Mr. Wayman said the Township will take a look at this intersection this week. Mr. Pasqualone stated it would be wise to have him draft an agreement with the property owner for the removal of the bushes. If no agreement is made, then the Township should go through the notification process. Mr. Price stated the daughter may agree to have all the bushes removed but the property owner is not. Mr. Wayman said the Township will get Mr. Pasqualone's advice on this matter.

With no further business, Mr. Wayman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to adjourn the Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:32 P.M.


Peter V. Wayman, Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer