

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' WORKSHOP**

Meeting

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

Held August 11, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

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Chairman Wayman called the August 11, 2026, Trustees' Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held in the Trustees' Meeting Room at the Madison Township Administration Building.

Mr. Wayman called for a roll call: Mr. White, Mr. Sill, Mr. Wayman, Chief Gosnik, Ms. Hamercheck, and Mr. Cook were in attendance.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Sill commented that the culvert on Wood Road is getting done. It is already in, and they have one layer over it. It looks like they have one more layer to go. Mr. Sill said hopefully, it will be done before school starts.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Cook, Administrator, reminded the Board "*Township Talk*" is tomorrow at 9:00 A.M. It is an open forum for residents to come and discuss issues or have questions for Mr. Cook.

The Northway Project is underway this week. They are potholing and surveying. Mr. Cook said notices went out to all residents last week who were affected by this.

Mr. Cook said the Chip Seal Program should be wrapped up by the end of this week. This is what the Township was advised.

Mr. Cook stated the Township did get the Resolution language back this morning for the Stanton Park Armor Stone Project which we will send to the Army Corps of Engineers in January. Mr. Wayman inquired if the project will be delayed until next Spring. Mr. Cook said he and the engineer think it would be better to wait so that there is grass on the slope over the winter to avoid any more erosion. The Township is on track to get the bid for the project out the beginning of 2027.

The Boat Ramp Project was awarded to Monte Construction LLC for eighty-one thousand, eight hundred ten dollars (\$81,810.00). They were the only bidder on the redecking of the boat ramp at Madison Township Park.

Mr. Cook stated unfortunately, the Township did not get the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The Township scored well, but there were many other projects above Madison Township. The Township came in eleventh (11th) with a score of 61. The highest score was 73. Mr. Cook said he is considering redoing the bathrooms at Madison Township Park instead of purchasing new ones. He will apply for a new CDBG Grant for 2027 or look for other funding sources.

Mr. Cook handed out a packet of information regarding Limited Home Rule which the Township is considering. The packet included Mr. Pasqualone's opinion on the matter, a Members Brief of Limited Home Rule Townships, Questions & Answers, and an example of a Home Rule Resolution from Boardman Township. Mr. Cook advised the Trustees to look over the information and form an opinion on the matter. The way zoning is going lately and the zoning complaints, the Township might want to consider home rule which would give the Township more control and enforcement. Mr. White stated this helps enforce what requirements we have. Mr. Cook said he would like to meet with Painesville Township who uses home rule to get more information.

Mr. Cook said he was not at "*Light Up the Park*," but he heard the event went very well. The Madison Recreation Board would like to use the western loop of the trail at Stanton Park for their "*Trunk or Treat*" Halloween event in conjunction with the *Kiwanis Club*. The children would walk the trail, and vendors would set up on the inside of the park. Mr. Cook said he did not have a problem with this, but he wanted to check with the Trustees first. A date has not been set yet, but it may be around the second week in October. Mr. Sill asked Chief Gosnik how he felt about the event. Chief Gosnik stated it is something the Police Department could participate in if their presence is desired. Mr. Cook said he thought the Township could put a truck or something in the park, as well.

The Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce is holding a "*State of the Community*" address on September 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Cook asked if anyone wanted to go to give an update on our community. Mr. Cook said he did it last year and would do it again if no one wants to do it. Mr. White said he would go with Mr. Cook.

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Mr. Cook said Tyler Coursen celebrated his ninth-year anniversary last month. Tyler Bukvic, the Township's new hire started yesterday, August 10. He has twelve (12) years of experience.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Gosnik stated he had nothing to discuss for the Workshop Meeting.

LEGAL:

Solicitor, Mr. Pasqualone, stated the home rule issue is not going to change what the Township does or how we do it much. It just adds a civil penalty up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to seek against an individual which the Township does not have now. The Township has zoning requirements but not penalties for not following the rules. Mr. Pasqualone said he thinks the home rule is a good idea, and the packet of information will help with any questions. There will not be a lot of changes. Mr. Sill asked what liability does it open the Township up to. Mr. Pasqualone said he does not think it does. It should not be a concern. Mr. Cook said limited home rule can be voted out after three (3) years, should it not work out. Mr. Pasqualone said whatever decision is made has to be unanimous. Mr. Wayman said the Township talked about this issue before. Mr. Cook said it was brought up in 2014. Mr. Sill asked what the hold up was in 2014. Mr. Cook said a newspaper article shed a bad light on the issue making residents think we were becoming more like a city. Home rule just gives the Township a little more bite instead of just a threat with the enforcement of a penalty. Mr. White said it sounds like it did not sound good to a few people. Mr. Cook said it did not sound good to a whole house of people at the time. Mr. Cook stated this time he would get the information out to residents and discuss it at meetings before a vote is taken. Mr. Ungers is throwing the information out to the zoning boards also. Mr. Pasqualone said he does not think the public would be against it unless they do not understand it. Mr. Cook said maybe an article can be published that would list the communities that have home rule and how it works. We need to educate the public. Mr. White agreed. Mr. Cook said after that the Township would hold a Public Hearing and then vote on it. Mr. Wayman thanked Mr. Pasqualone for the information.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, said a survey of municipalities in Ohio showed that the Township is paying one hundred twenty-five (125) less for health insurance than other municipalities in Ohio. It is great that we are not doing as bad as some other municipalities, but not so great that we are paying a lot and how much it went up. Mr. White said the school health insurance went up, as well.

Ms. Hamercheck stated a Lake County Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 17th. She said Mr. Cook and Ms. Rimes will go with her to tell the committee that Madison Township does need our levies. They will ask why, and we will show them the numbers they gave us.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Nate Mazza, Assistant Service Department, reported that Mr. Cook covered the updates for the Service Department concerning the new hire. Mr. White asked about the status of the work on the Service Department Garage building. Mr. Mazza said office work is progressing, but he wished work lasted longer in the day.

ZONING:

Mr. Ungers, Zoning Inspector, stated the Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting Thursday, August 13th with two (2) variances. One is Stony Glenn Camp on West Loveland Road who is adding a large bunkhouse. The other is property on the southwest intersection of Bennett Road and Chapel Road. The owner wants to split the property so he can build a house for his parents. There is no opposition to either variance

Mr. Ungers said he received a call from a buyer who wants to purchase an Auto Sales business. He called to see what he has to do. Mr. Ungers told him it would be nice to come in and meet the Board. He wants to do the same exact thing with the business. It was nice he called so the proper paperwork could be started. Mr. Ungers thinks there will be no objections on this matter.

OTHER:

Nothing

Mr. Wayman asked if there was any further business. With no further business, Mr. Wayman requested a motion to adjourn.

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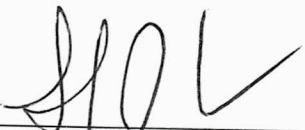
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Mr. White presented a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees' Workshop Meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Peter V. Wayman, Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer