

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Meeting

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

Held August 11, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. 20

Chairman Wayman called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of August 11, 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 Gosnik, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

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 some Madison residents who have passed from this life. Please remember Madison residents Kathryn Behm, Ryan Scott Shannon, Paula Doland, Robert Williams, Patricia Ann Robers, Nancy Campton, Boyd Rider, and Leola Hamercheck. Mr. Wayman said Leola Hamercheck is our Fiscal Officer, Sarah Hamercheck's, grandmother. The Township extends our sympathy.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the Minutes for the July 11, 2026, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the July 11, 2026, Trustee's Regular Meeting.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve the Minutes for the July 11, 2026, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the July 11, 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 Minutes for the July 30, 2026, Trustees' Special Meeting.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve the Minutes for the Trustees' Special Meeting on July 30, 2026, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Abstain Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred thirty-five thousand, seventy-four dollars and fifty-one cents (\$135,074.51) (actual) for August 11, 2026.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred thirty-five thousand, seventy-four dollars and fifty-one cents (\$135,074.51) (actual) for August 11, 2026, attached to and made part of these Minutes, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Ms. Hamercheck said for a month's worth of bills, she is surprised it is for only fifty (50) bills.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred seven dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$131,907.88 (actual) for August 7, 2026, payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred and six cents (\$130,700.06) (estimate) for August 21, 2026, and payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-one thousand, four hundred dollars and twenty-three cents (\$131,400.23) (estimate) for September 4, 2026.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred seven dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$131,907.88) (actual) for August 7, 2026, payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred and six cents (\$130,700.06) (estimate) for August 21, 2026, and payroll in the amount of one hundred thirty-one thousand, four hundred dollars and twenty-three cents (\$131,400.23) (estimate) for September 4, 2026, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Nothing

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Gosnik's report for the month of July, 2026, indicated the Madison Township Police Department had 1,103 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,103	911	16
Abuse	1	Administrative	8
Alarm	44	Animal Complaint	19
Arrest on Warrant	6	Assault Report	2
Assist Fire Department	288	Assist Other	10
Assist Police	13	Business Check	78
Civil	10	Court	6
Community Policing	19	Crash Team	2
Disabled Vehicle	7	Disturbance	18
Damage Accident	7	DOA	2
Directed Patrol	6	Drone	1
Drugs	1	Domestic Violence	3
Fatal Accident	1	Fraud	7
Fireworks Complaint	26	Harassment	13
Hazard	18	House Watch	1
Hit & Run	3	Investigation/Follow Up	46
Information	22	Injury Accident	5
Juvenile Complaint	17	K9	1
Lockout	22	Mental Subject	3
Misassigned	5	Missing Person	1
Neighbor Complaint	13	Noise Complaint	9
Overdose	1	Open Door/Window	1
Accident Pedestrian	1	Private Property Accident	6
Parking Violation	5	Property Damage	6
Property Found	6	Property Lost	1
Pumps	2	Range	7
Repossession	5	Runaway	3
Security Check	11	Sex Offense	1
Shots (Noise)	2	Sick Call Off	11
Soliciting Complaint	2	Special Detail	28
Subpoena Served	3	Suicide Attempt	2
Suicide Threat	2	Suicide	1
Suspicious Circumstance	61	Suspicious Person	15

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Suspicious Vehicle	8	Test Call	3
Theft	12	Threat	1
TPO Violation	3	Traffic Stop	51
Training	4	Transport	1
Trespassing	7	Traffic Complaint	25
Unwanted Subject	2	Vandalism	2
Welfare Check	21		

Chief Gosnik stated the July report is in the Trustees' folders. There were seven (7) motor vehicle damage accidents in July, down from sixteen (16) the previous month. Fireworks complaints were elevated leading up to and after July 4th. The injury accident figure in general is stable from previous months. Mr. Sill asked about the fireworks complaints. Chief Gosnik said the month of July is the heaviest, and they trail down toward the end of August. Mr. Sill said he figured there would be more complaints this year because of the 250th Anniversary of our country. Mr. White thanked Chief Gosnik for addressing the concern on Chapel Road regarding the speeding reports.

Chief Gosnik said the department was awarded a grant for body cameras for three (3) officers totaling three thousand, seven hundred sixteen dollars and forty-four cents (\$3,716.44) from the Attorney General's office. At the last Chiefs' Meeting, a representative from the Office of Criminal Services was there. Chief Gosnik said he became aware of the Body Camera Grant which he hopes will pay for half of the cost for body cameras this year and next year.

Chief Gosnik mentioned the e-bike complaints have gone up. They are very popular but can be dangerous. Mr. White asked if there are different classifications for the e-bikes. Chief Gosnik said it is a little complicated because it actually deals with the power of the e-bikes. The department has not had to deal with this issue for a long time. Now we are reviewing the requirements and laws regarding them. Each class has different requirements which had to be researched. Mr. White said he is okay with e-bikes as long as the rider has control of the bike. Mr. Wayman said there has to be laws just like anything else. Mr. Sill asked if there is any e-bike that needs to be registered. Chief Gosnik said that is when it starts to get complicated. Bikes like mopeds need to be registered and licensed. Mr. White thanked Chief Gosnik for enforcing the laws.

Chief Gosnik stated he attended the "Light Up the Park" event, and it went very well. There was great cooperation by all involved, and everything went smoothly.

There will be a 1.9 mil Police levy on the ballot in November. The department will need a Levy Committee to get the word out. Mr. Wayman said it is a renewal which needs to be pushed. Chief Gosnik said it is very important for the department.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone stated he had good news tonight regarding the records request complaint in the Court of Claims. Mr. Pasqualone said he filed a motion for a dismissal for a lot of reasons. The Special Master granted the motion for dismissal. The case is done. The Board thanked Mr. Pasqualone and said "well done."

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck stated she had nothing to say other than she is working on the budget.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, stated he had nothing for the Regular Meeting. Mr. Sill asked Mr. Ungers how he felt about the home rule issue. Mr. Ungers said everything that was said

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previously in the meeting is how he feels. He does not have much research on the issue or experience with it, but it would give the Township more teeth. The Township is very knowledgeable, but it is a difficult task to ask people to clean up property or fix something that is not in compliance without being able to enforce it. A fine might bring people into compliance much quicker. Mr. Ungers said he is open to more discussions regarding the issue.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Assistant Road Supervisor, Mr. Mazza, stated he had nothing to add for the Regular Meeting unless the Board has any questions for him. Mr. Sill asked if the mower blades were sharp. Mr. Mazza said yes. Mr. Wayman said that was all we needed to know. Mr. Cook said the Township only has one (1) summer help left. The others have gone back to college. Mr. White thanked Mr. Mazza for his update.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Cook, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #26-094**, A Resolution entering into an agreement with SBJ Consulting LLC of Painesville, Ohio, at a cost of not to exceed twenty-two thousand, one hundred dollars (\$22,100.00) to provide professional inspection and administrative services for the Boat Ramp Project at Madison Township Park.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to approve **Resolution #26-094**, seconded by Mr. White. Roll Call: Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. White: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve **Resolution #26-095**, A Resolution entering into an agreement with Monte Construction LLC of Kirtland, Ohio, at a total cost of eighty-one thousand, eight hundred ten dollars (\$81,810.00) for the Madison Township Boat Ramp Rehabilitation Project located at Madison Township Park.

Mr. White presented a motion to approve **Resolution #26-095**, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Monte Construction LLC was the only bidder. The price came in nine percent (9%) over the estimate which is acceptable. This project is for redecking of the boat ramp at Madison Township Park. Mr. White asked how soon the work would be done. Mr. Cook said it will be finished by the end of October.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Mackojac, 7533 South Ridge Road, addressed the Board regarding the Limited Home Rule issue. Mr. Mackojac said he met with the Zoning Commission and Mr. Cook and has done some research on the subject. He thinks it is a good idea to explore. It hasn't been used very much by a number of townships in the state. Mr. Mackojac said he talked to a Trustee from Rome, Ohio, who didn't even know it was an option. Another thing he learned is that if passed this year, the limited home rule would not go into effect till January 1st of 2027. If passed in January or February of 2027, it would not become effective till January 1st of 2028. So, there is a time limit. Mr. Mackojac thinks limited home rule would give the Township more teeth so it is a good idea. He would like to meet with the Board and discuss the issue in a not so public forum. He wants to be part of a solution not just complain. Mr. Mackojac suggested exploring and looking into limited home rule. Mr. Wayman thanked Mr. Mackojac for his comments.

Mr. Mackojac advised Mr. Pasqualone he could not hear any of his comments during the meeting. He suggested moving the microphone up closer to him. Mr. Pasqualone apologized.

Mr. Wayman stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. with the Trustees' Workshop Meeting preceding at 6:30 P.M.

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

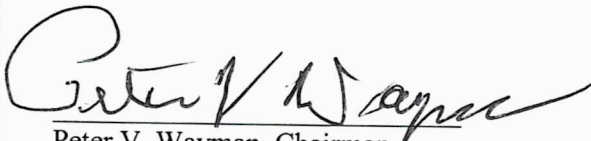
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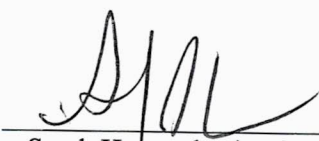
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Mr. White presented a motion to adjourn the Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. White: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes
Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:24 P.M.


Peter V. Wayman, Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer