

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR**

Meeting

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

Held August 12, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

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Chairman Sill called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025, 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. Sill called for a roll call: Mr. Wayman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Sill, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hamercheck, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

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

Mr. Sill stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to remember family, friends, neighbors, and members of the military and safety forces who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents Arthur Mason, Barbara Saunier, Sherry Thomas, and Keith Berkebile.

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, the July 8, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, and the July 8, 2025 Special Budget Meeting.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025, Trustees Workshop Meeting, the July 8, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, and the July 8, 2025 Special Budget Meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2025, Trustees' Special Meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2025, Trustees' Special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Abstain

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of five hundred twenty-nine thousand, five hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$529,558.38) (actual) for August 12, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of five hundred twenty-nine thousand, five hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$529,558.38) (actual) for August 12, 2025, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Brown stated there was a three hundred eighty-six thousand-dollar (\$386,000.00) payment for the Road Program.

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-four thousand, six hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$124,617.65) (actual) for July 25, 2025.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-four thousand, six hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$124,617.65) (actual) for July 25, 2025, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-seven thousand, eight hundred fifty-six dollars and eighty cents (\$127,856.80) (actual) for August 8, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-seven thousand, eight hundred fifty-six dollars and eighty cents (\$127,856.80) (actual) for August 8, 2025, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-seven thousand, two hundred thirty-seven dollars and twenty-three cents (\$127,237.23) (estimate) for August 22, 2025.



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## TRUSTEES:

Mr. Sill read the following letter from the Lake County Township Association dated July 7, 2025.

*"The Lake County Township Association (LCTA) **OPPOSE the petition seeking the Abolishment of Taxes on Real Property** in the State of Ohio. While we support reform of property taxes, this measure result in the closure of all township government and the services they provide. Seeking reform through the elimination of specific funding sources for township governments, with no method of alternate is reckless.*

*Ohio Township government operates based on the collection of property taxes. Without revenue from property taxes, 1,308 townships across the State of Ohio will be unable to fund government services in their communities. In Lake County eliminating property taxes will eliminate funding for, maintenance of roads and parks, fire departments, EMS services, police, cemetery, zoning and community recreation departments.*

*Property taxes fund approximately \$22 Billion for entities across the state. The services these taxes fund are important to our communities. Reform will focus on generation of similar amounts through other taxing methods. This will increase the burden on income, sales or other taxes currently paid by taxpayers in Ohio.*

*While we share the concerns of taxpayers about significant increases to their property tax bills following the recent sexennial revaluation in Lake County, the Ohio Revised Code defines funding of local governments. A reform of how local government is funded must originate in the state legislature. The last 20 years have seen tax reform at the state level, which has **reduced funding** for local government resulting in an **increase of local taxes** through new levies, approved by voters to maintain necessary levels of service.*

*The LCTA supports the state legislature examining the issue of local government funding and property taxes. We support reform which does not place more burden on local government to raise taxes. A result of the significant inflation of property taxes has dramatically raised the opposition of critical safety levies in Lake County. Opposition to levies places at risk the funding for police, fire and EMS and all other township services.*

*We encourage the state legislature to examine reform to include any of the following, reexamination of HB 920, meaningful reform of homestead exemption to provide relief for seniors, reform to school funding including 20 mil floor funding.*

*As elected officials who are sworn to serve and protect these communities we object to this measure and consider it reckless to jeopardize critical funding for government and public safety with no plan for alternate funding. We encourage our state legislature to consider reasonable reform which supports funding of townships in Lake County and across the state of Ohio."*

Mr. Sill requested a motion to accept the letter dated July 7, 2025, from the Lake County Township Association regarding Constitutional Amendment to remove property tax from revenue source.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to accept the letter dated July 7, 2025, from the Lake County Township Association regarding Constitutional Amendment to remove property tax from revenue source, seconded by Mr. Anderson Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes



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Mr. Sill stated a Special Meeting will need to be scheduled during the first week of September to complete lighting assessments. Mr. Brown said a Resolution has to be done before September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees decided to hold the meeting on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Anderson presented a motion to hold a Trustees' Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at noon, to complete lighting assessments, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Hager stated in the month of July, 2025, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,213 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,213	911	16
Administrative	8	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Assault Report	1	Alarm	39
Animal Complaint	22	Arrest on Warrant	4
Assault/with Injuries	1	Assist Fire	246
Assist Other	9	Assist Police	5
Business Check	103	Burglary Report	0
Custody Dispute	2	Checks	1
Civil	5	Court	10
Community Policing	24	Criminal Damaging	1
Escort	2	DAV	7
Disturbance	27	Damage Accident	19
DOA	4	Directed Patrol	8
Delinquent/Juvenile	0	Drugs	0
Domestic Violence	8	Family Dispute	3
Drone	3	Fraud	7
Fight	1	Harassment	1
Phone Harassment	3	Hazard	21
Fireworks	24	Hit & Run	1
Invest	36	Info	19
Injury Accident	5	Juvenile Complaint	11
K9	0	Litter	1
Lockout	14	Mental Subject	1
Misassigned Case Number	2	Miscellaneous	0
Missing Person	0	Neighbor Complaint	7
Noise Complaint	7	Overdose	4
Open Door/Window	0	Private Property Accident	5
Property Damage	2	Parking Violation	1
	5/1	Pumps	0



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refuse, and other debris and to request that the Lake County Auditor enter the amount on the tax duplicate to be collected as other taxes and returned to Madison Township.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-067**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

The listed properties include 2821 Hubbard Road, 1549 St. John Drive, 1806 Clyde Road, 6225 Selkirk Drive, 1816 Perth Road, 6210 Maxwell Drive, 6460 Lake Road West, 1569 St. John Drive, 1354 Manatee Avenue, 1729 Falkirk Road, 6035 Chapel Road, 7504 Warner Road, 1710 Trinity Road, 1427 Easton Avenue, 2784 County Line Road, 1940 Aberdeen Road, 6574 Lake Road West, 1560 Easton Avenue, 1373 Davista Avenue, 1334 Ormond Avenue, and 1543 St. John Drive.

## **SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:**

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, said the Service Department monthly report is in the Trustees' folders. Mr. Cook also reported that St. Johns Drive will be chip sealed after repairing some bad areas, and Indianola Drive will receive a full roadway mill and fill and chip seal. Mr. Cook said Madison Township currently has a storm line at Lakeshore Boulevard and Ashview Drive that needs to be replaced. The Township is working with Lake County Stormwater (LCSW) toward a joint project to have the storm line replaced if/when Lake County Department of Utilities (LCDU) repairs the sewer line at that intersection. The outfall at the Community Park at the end of Ashview Drive will need to have an easement granted by the association. LCSW is working with Mr. Rose of the Association to get the easement granted on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Cook stated the new, big, red, truck that the Township ordered was delivered this morning. It is sitting in the parking lot out front for anyone who would like to look it over.

## **ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. Brown had some updates for the Board. Regarding the Sewer Extension Project on Route 20 between Green Road and Haines Road, the Lake County Commissioners did pass a Resolution stating the extension is a public necessity on July 24, 2025. They did schedule a hearing for September 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Blasé Nemeth facility. Mr. Brown said it would probably be good for the Board to be there. Mr. Brown said he will be there for sure. Sometime before the hearing, Mr. Brown will give the Trustees a copy of what Mr. Rothlisberger will present to the Commissioners at that hearing.

Mr. Brown stated the Emerson Culvert is done. The Township needs to do some milling and filling in some of the areas that is not in the construction zone. That is on the radar to get done. The guardrails are done.

Mr. Brown said the Township will be meeting with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) tomorrow regarding the Stanton Park Armor Stone Project. There are some plans to go over before they are finalized. This project is starting to pick up steam again now that the summer construction season is almost over.

Regarding the 2025 Road Program, the berming has been completed. The Township is waiting for the joint sealing to be completed. After that the punch list will be done, and the roads will be done for this year minus St. John Drive and Indianola Drive.

Mr. Brown said this month marks Paul Cook's twenty-fifth year with the Township, and Tyler Coursen's eighth year now.

The Township received an engineer's estimate for the sidewalk on Chapel Road between Cardinal Woods and Chapel & Hubbard Roads for one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00). Mr. Brown said it would be more appropriate to build that figure into the budget for next year if the Board wants to move forward with the sidewalk. We do have the estimate now. The Township will have to coordinate with the County Engineer, and look into applying for funding with a Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Brown suggested asking for a donation from the owner of Cardinal Woods because it would benefit the residents of Cardinal Woods the most. The Trustees all agreed a sidewalk is long overdue.



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Mr. Brown said he received a thank you from the Visitor's Bureau for the Lake Erie Sand Sculpture Project. Mr. Brown said the thank you was from Neil Stein of the Visitor's Bureau who wanted to thank everyone who was involved in some way shape or form with working with them on the Sand Sculpture Tour this year and allowing them to have one of the sculptures at Madison Township Park. The event was an overwhelming success and the event had people from all over Ohio and Pennsylvania come that day to check out the sculptures. Mr. Stein said he was sure those folks popped into Vincent William or BrewStreaks or Compadres and many of the spots along Hubbard Road on their way to and from the park. Special thanks to Matt Price of the Service Department for helping coordinate the sand drop off, and the Visitor's Bureau truly appreciated the help from everyone at the Township to help make this event happen. Mr. Sill said he and his wife visited all the sand sculptures, and it was a great success. There was lots of positive feedback from it.

Mr. Sill asked if Mr. Brown heard anything about the Route 84 culvert. Mr. Brown said the contractor ran into an issue with the culvert ceilings and had to replace them. They are hoping by mid-September to have the culvert backfilled, resurfaced, and opened. Mr. Sill asked about Arcola Road. Mr. Brown stated the road is scheduled to be closed on August 18<sup>th</sup> when they will start construction. Mr. Sill asked about Ford Road. Mr. Brown said Ford Road needs major repairs, and work should be started next year. Mr. Brown also stated US Route 20 is scheduled to be finished by mid-October.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-068**, A Resolution accepting a permanent stormwater sewer easement on Permanent Parcel No 01-B-098-0-00-007-0 for the repair and maintenance of stormwater sewer and outfall.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-068**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

OTHER:

Mr. Wayman said the next Fire Board Meeting is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Station #3.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Mark Mackovjak, 7533 South Ridge Road, addressed the Board regarding the length of time it takes to finish a culvert project like the one on Route 84. Mr. Mackovjak asked why it takes ninety (90) days. During this time, trucks, cars, semis, cement trucks go up and down the roads damaging already bad roads. Mr. Mackovjak said it is frustrating to the residents. Mr. Sill thanked Mr. Mackovjak for his thoughts which he appreciates, but that is an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project. Mr. Sill said he would get Mr. Mackovjak some information on who to contact. The Township has no authority on the project. Mr. Anderson stated when he calls for residents who complain about something, he is told to have the individual call themselves. Mr. Mackovjak stated many man hours and gallons of gasoline are wasted as well as all the frustration this causes residents. Mr. Brown said he will get back to Mr. Mackovjak with some contact information.

Mr. Charles Mace, 4368 Wood Road, addressed the Board concerning Wood Road. Mr. Mace asked what the County plans to do with Wood Road. Mr. Brown said he does not think the County has any plans for Wood Road at this time. Mr. Mace said Wood Road is as bad, if not worse, than Ford Road. There have been more accidents on Wood Road, and the cars and motorcycles go one hundred (100) miles up and down that road. Mr. Mace wanted to know what we are going to do about it. Mr. Brown stated the County has directed the Township to have residents call them directly with complaints. They do not want to hear about the complaints from us. Mr. Brown said he would pass Mr. Mace's concerns on to the County Engineer tomorrow. The County Commissioners are responsible for providing a budget to the County Engineer to fix the roads. The County Commissioners own the roads, and the County Engineer is responsible for maintaining the roads. Both have a limited budget. Gas tax funds are used for the roads, and that is where the County Engineer's funds come from. Mr. Brown suggested Mr. Mace call the Lake County Engineer and talk to him about his concerns.

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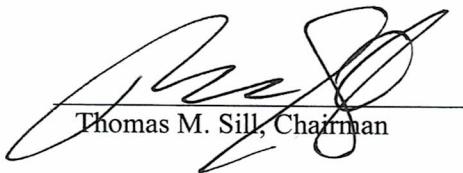
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Mr. Sill thanked Mr. Mackovjak and Mr. Mace for their time coming to the meeting and their concerns.

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

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

Chairman Sill adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:46 P.M.

  
Thomas M. Sill, Chairman

  
Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer