

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR**

Meeting

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

Held **March 27, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.**

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Chairman Sill called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of March 27, 2025, to order at 12:00 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, Ms. Hamercheck, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. Brown was absent, on vacation.

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 some of the members of our community that have passed recently. Please remember Madison residents' William Hobbs, Gayle Brothers, Gary Piker, Thomas Kelly, Leonard Cifelli, Eva Bukky, Michelle Grice, and Violet Ross. Mr. Sill also mentioned Frank Barone and Vernon Stage Burr. Mr. Sill stated he noticed Gary Piker on the list which was tough to see. Mr. Piker was one of his teachers for many years, as well as his wife, Mrs. Piker. They were great people and did an awesome job. He is sad to see Gary's name on the list.

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the February 27, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the February 27, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Yes Mr. Wayman: Abstain Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025, Trustees' Workshop Meeting and the March 11, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the March 11, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Abstain Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of seventy-five thousand, four dollars and one cent (\$75,004.01) (actual) for March 27, 2025.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of seventy-five thousand, four dollars and one cent (\$75,004.01) (actual) for March 27, 2025, attached to and made part of these minutes, 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 eighteen thousand, four hundred ninety-four dollars and nine cents (\$118,494.09) (actual) for March 21, 2025, and payroll in the amount of one hundred nineteen thousand, five hundred fifty-four dollars and eighty-six cents (\$119,554.86) (estimate) for April 4, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand, four hundred ninety-four dollars and nine cents (\$118,494.09) (actual) for March 21, 2025, and payroll in the amount of one hundred nineteen thousand, five hundred fifty-four dollars and eighty-six cents (\$119,554.86) (estimate) for April 4, 2025, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

## **TRUSTEES:**

Mr. Sill stated at some point the Trustees should discuss the tree issue in the Township. There are so many dead trees. The Township may want to make sure it is budgeting enough money for tree removals so we can control emergency situations. Mr. Anderson agreed and said the issue should definitely be discussed further. Mr. Sill stated he liked the fact that when we had those big storms, we did not have as many trees dropping because of removing some of those trees prior to the storms. Mr. Sill said it is kind of like money well spent for insurance.



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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-035**, A Resolution, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 505.89, establishing a juvenile curfew in the unincorporated portion of Madison Township.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-035**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Chief Hager said summer is coming and a curfew is an important law enforcement tool to combat juvenile vandalism, criminal damaging, theft, and other violations of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC).

Mr. Wayman inquired about the time limit for the curfew. Chief Hager said it depends on the age of the juvenile.

The Resolution states juveniles under the age of twelve (12) years shall not be permitted on public streets and places in Madison Township between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Juveniles between the age of twelve (12) years and fifteen (15) years shall not be permitted on public streets and places in Madison Township between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Juveniles between the age of fifteen (15) years and eighteen (18) years shall not be permitted on public streets and places in Madison Township between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Mr. Sill said he had a question about the fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) age group. Chief Hager said it is actually seventeen (17) and three hundred and sixty-four (364) days. Putting eighteen (18) is sort of an endcap. The courts cannot enforce the law if the juvenile is eighteen (18).

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated the Township has a hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. for a final injunction that the Township is seeking. Fortunately, the Township held a motion for a summary judgment. They have a counter claim against the Township for damages saying it was a violation of a constitutional right, the right to bear arms. The ruling came out in our favor just this week. The summary judgment was granted. The counter claim was thrown out. The only issue left for the trial on the 8th is whether or not a permanent injunction will be granted or not. A temporary injunction was granted so Mr. Pasqualone does not know why the permanent injunction should not be granted. Mr. Pasqualone said it was not made clear at the last meeting whether or not the Township would have to start fresh or not. Mr. Pasqualone said he was contacted by a gentleman named Ken Moore who would like to testify. Mr. Pasqualone stated the only issue is are they in violation of zoning rules, and they are.

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-036**, A Resolution adopting the 2025 Permanent Appropriations Budget.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-036**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Ms. Hamercheck requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-037**, A Resolution authorizing the Madison Township Fiscal Officer to issue a refund in the amount of three thousand, one hundred dollars (\$3,100.00) to Marut & Sons Excavating.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-037**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Cook stated this was for a road opening on Green Road which passed the Township's inspection.



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Ms. Hamercheck requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-038**, A Resolution to enter into Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program naming Sedgwick, Rep ID #0009000-80 as Madison Township's representative in matters before the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the policy year beginning January 1, 2026, effective through December 31, 2026.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-038**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

**ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, stated he had nothing pressing for the meeting, just some updates. The Zoning Commission met Monday night and approved a site plan for Residences of Madison which is a developmental outfit in Beachwood that has property just south of us here, butting up to Chapel Grove Estates on the east side of the road. They rezoned the property two (2) years ago and have just completed their site plan within the last couple of months. Mr. Ungers said surprisingly, some residents on Shelly Drive voiced some water concerns and other common complaints regarding this issue. However, the gentleman spearheading the project spoke to everyone and seemed to calm their nerves. They plan to break ground in June for the forty (40) unit ranch-style condos. They will retain ownership and rent the units.

Mr. Ungers said he will address some text changes at the next meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, so the Trustees can vote on the changes at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT:**

Road Supervisor, Mr. Cook, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-039**, A Resolution to accept a bid and enter into an agreement with Barbicas Paving, LLC, of Troy Township, Ohio, at a total cost of four hundred thirty-six thousand, one hundred fifty-three dollars and forty cents (\$436,153.40).

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-039**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Cook said this is a joint paving program with Perry Township. Ads were placed in the News-Herald on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Bids were opened on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Perry Township. Bids were evaluated on March 21, 2025, by Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) who recommended Barbicas Paving, LLC for the project.

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-040**, A Resolution to hire Andrew Rusnak, as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective April 7, 2025, through October 31, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-040**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Rusnak is returning from last year.

Mr. Cook, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-041**, A Resolution to hire Carson Alley, as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective May 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-041**, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Alley is also returning from last year.

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-042**, A Resolution to hire Travis Heintz, as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective May 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-042**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes



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Mr. Heintz is a senior at Madison High School who the Township would like to have for a few years.

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve Resolution #25-043, A Resolution to hire Ryan Crim as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective May 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve Resolution #25-043, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Crim did a two-year internship before entering the military, and is back now.

Mr. Cook said he had a couple updates for the Board. Work has started on the Emerson Road Culvert. The guardrails were removed, and the Township picked up the guardrails per the contract. Tree removal and grubbing was completed last week, and excavation started on Wednesday. Mr. Cook said they will work a four-day week. They will not work on Friday, but be back to work on Monday. The Beach Drive Outfall Project Precon meeting was on Tuesday, March 25th. Work is to begin the first part of May, and completion date is June 5, 2025. Mr. Cook said he and Matt Price, Assistant Service Department Supervisor, met with the Lake County Engineers on site on Wednesday to start developing both a short-term and long-term repair plan for the intersection of Madison Avenue and Hubbard Road. Lake County Engineering is also working with Lake County Utilities on repairs to the water breaks in the area. The Engineers Office stated the water line in that area is to be fixed slowly within the next five (5) years. This is the reason for the short-term and long-term planning. Mr. Sill asked if Lake County would consider moving up the repair project sooner. Mr. Cook said Mr. Sill would have to talk to Lake County Utilities about that. Mr. Anderson mentioned the south side of Madison Avenue is very bad and wondered what caused this problem. Mr. Cook said about ten (10) years ago, when Lake County paved Hubbard Road, they found a sinkhole on that corner which he thinks started the problem. This is one of the issues they will be addressing.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, was absent, on vacation.

OTHER:

Mr. Wayman stated summer is coming, the winery is open and people will be boating. The Township still has a problem with parking at Madison Township Park. Mr. Wayman said the Trustees have talked a little about this problem in the past, and should continue talking about it. Mr. Wayman asked if anyone had any ideas. Mr. Anderson said he has received many calls about this from residents and businesses. The problem is the buses are dropping people off at the winery and just sitting in the Park taking up several parking spaces. It is hard to designate one area for the buses because we have children at the playground, boaters, and people having picnics. Mr. Anderson said he has talked to Mr. Brown about fixing the asphalt for parking for the businesses on Hubbard and Lake Roads. Mr. Wayman said the Township should just say no parking of buses in the Park. Mr. Anderson stated he has also heard winery guests are walking out in the Park drinking. The Trustees decided to talk to Mr. Brown when he returns from his vacation about inviting all the business owners by the Township Park to come and talk to the Trustees about the parking issues. Mr. Anderson said he would like to fix the parking for Karen's and the Wagon Wheel. Mr. Cook said it is scheduled to be paved mid-April. Mr. Anderson stated the Township should send all the property owners in that area an invitation to a meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Ungers stated he agreed with calling a meeting because this is also a zoning issue. He will compose a letter and bring it to the next meeting for the Board's approval.

Chief Hager said the work that was supposed to start on Route 20, from Green Road heading west, tomorrow will not be starting tomorrow due to the rain. Mr. Cook said the deck on Countyline Road is going to be redone so it will be closed. Also, there is a culvert just to the east of Wood Road which is going to be repaired and will be closed next week at Wood Road and Route 84. Wood Road will still be accessible.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

Mr. Sill requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. (Police Grievances) Jeromy Iosue, Labor Management Consultant, attended the Executive Session.

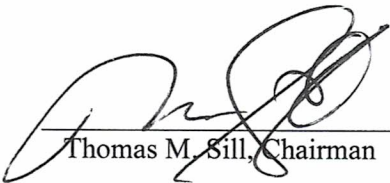
Mr. Anderson presented a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 12:43 P.M., seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:11 P. M., and with no further business to discuss, 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

Mr. Sill stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 P. M. preceded by the Trustees' Workshop Meeting at 6:30 P. M.

Chairman Sill adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 1:12 P.M.


Thomas M. Sill, Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer