

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. 20

Chairman Sill called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of May 29, 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, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Hamercheck 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, and neighbors, who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents' Frances Mavko, Helene Schubert, Thadius Greer, Donna Brockway, and Stanley Zuzek.

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the May 13, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the May 13, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Abstain

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of four hundred thousand, four hundred sixty dollars and thirteen cents (\$400,460.13) (actual) for May 29, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of four hundred thousand, four hundred sixty dollars and thirteen cents (\$400,460.13) (actual) for May 29, 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 one of the bills paid was for one-third of the Emerson Road Project in the amount of two hundred twenty-six thousand, seven hundred thirty-five dollars and forty-two cents (\$226, 735.42). Ms. Hamercheck stated another bill was for new cars for the Police Department (eighty-five thousand, three hundred forty-eight dollars (\$85,348.00).

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, five hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-two cents (\$128,552.72) (actual) for May 30, 2025.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, five hundred fifty-two dollars and seventy-two cents (\$128,552.72) (actual) for May 30, 2025. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Sill said the Trustees need to discuss the upcoming summer schedule for meetings. Mr. Anderson stated what the Trustees usually do in June, July, and August is hold one meeting day per month on the second Tuesday, as usual, with a Workshop Meeting at 6:30 P.M. and a Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. If something should come up, the Trustees can always call for a Special Meeting. Mr. Sill asked Mr. Wayman his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Wayman said this arrangement has been working in the past, and he makes a motion to schedule one meeting date in June, July, and August on the second Tuesday of each month accordingly, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Brown verified the meeting dates which will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Workshop is included with the Regular Meeting, as well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated he attended a meeting on the Next Generation 911 (NG911) yesterday. The committee that was assigned through Lake County finalized a plan that will need to be implemented. That plan which was approved yesterday will go to all legislative bodies in



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Minutes of

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

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Lake County. Once they receive the plan, they have sixty (60) days to vote on it and approve it. If it is not voted on then it is considered a no vote. Chief Hager said the reason he is bringing this up now is because he gets the feeling that Commissioner Regovich is going to want to get this done in thirty (30) days. It will probably be decided at the next NG911 meeting. Chief Hager said he will try to get the information to everyone as soon as possible. The Township will be receiving something in the mail soon. Chief Hager said they took so long to come up with a plan, so they are trying to get an approval faster. He thinks it will be a good fit. Chief Hager stated Madison Township will be maintaining our dispatch center. Lake County will maintain the piece of equipment for us. Chief Hager stated the State currently collects about fifty cents for each cellular call that comes in so about six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) goes to Central Dispatch for all 911 cellular calls. Seventy-five percent (75%) of all 911 cellular calls go to Central Dispatch (to include calls from Mentor, Eastlake, Willoughby) and then they push them out. Chief Hager said our Fire Department calls go through Central Dispatch so it makes no sense for him to buy the equipment and receive twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to maintain it from Lake County and receive all 911 calls and then push back seventy-five percent (75%) back to them. It was decided to let Central have all the 911 calls and have them push back about twenty-five percent (25%) that are Police related back to us. Chief Hager said he and the Sheriff have a hand shake agreement regarding this. It is too early for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) because this plan does not have to be completed for five (5) years. The County thinks maybe in three (3) years everyone will start getting ready for the start of this plan. Chief Hager said whatever money the Township would have received from the State, just let Lake County keep it. They can run the Public Service Answering Point (PSAP). Mr. Sill said this makes sense.

## LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, was absent with a prior appointment.

## FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck stated she had nothing today.

## ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, stated he received a site plan last week from a gentleman interested in planning and developing homes on the north side of Chapel across from Madison Country Club Golf Course. Mr. Ungers said he just wanted to give the Board a heads-up on the matter. There are some issues which would have to be resolved. These issues being the current small parking lot, number of lots requested, and ten percent (10%) recreational space needed for the golf course. Mr. Ungers will be meeting with the applicant next week to obtain more information. Mr. Ungers said the applicant is pretty serious about this project. Mr. Wayman said there is not enough parking there now so that will definitely need to be addressed.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, said Mr. Brown would be updating the Board on the current projects, but he would take any questions. Mr. Sill stated the cemeteries looked good for Memorial Day. Mr. Sill did have one question regarding some of the older headstones. Who is responsible for falling or damaged stones? Mr. Cook said the Township is not responsible, but the Service Department does what they possible can to help residents. Mr. Sill said maybe the Township could hold a fundraiser. It was suggested to talk to the American Legion posts regarding military stones. Mr. Anderson suggested calling Mike Evangelista at Post 112 or Brian Snook at Post 601.

## ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #25-054, A Resolution to enter into an agreement between the Board of Madison Township Trustees and the Rabbit Run Community Arts Association for the use of the Madison Township Hall, 49 Park Street, Madison, Ohio.**

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #25-054**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill:



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Mr. Brown stated the Emerson Culvert Project is coming along. He visited the site today, and the contractor was backfilling with stone, the wingwalls were installed, and the culvert is in place. The weather has gotten in the way at times, but the project is moving forward.

Mr. Brown said regarding the Stanton Park Stone Project, the baseline mapping is complete which was done using the survey work done over the winter. The Township will meet with the US Army Corps of Engineers as soon as possible so the Township can start preparing the necessary documents. This project is also moving along.

Mr. Brown updated the Board on the Route 20 (North Ridge Road) Sewer Extension. Braman & Associates have started doing the reports necessary to proceed with the Probate Court action the Township will need to take for the easements.

Regarding the Beach Drive Outfall Project, the contractor is on the scene and working through the project. There was a slight problem with one of the residents, but the engineer that the Township hired to do the construction management has intervened. Things seem to be going better now.

As a result of the 2025 Road Program, all Madison Township roads have been milled. After sitting for a while, the subbases will be marked that need to be repaired. This should be done within a few weeks.

A new apron was laid at the intersection of Hubbard Road and Madison Avenue yesterday. There are still some cones left there so Lake County may come back to apply a surface course over the entire intersection. Either way, the intersection is much safer today then it was before. Mr. Brown commended the Lake County Engineer because communications are much improved over what they used to be.

Mr. Brown advised the Trustees that he received a call from the Lake County Visitors Bureau regarding a Sand Sculpture Event that will take place on July 12<sup>th</sup> on the beach at Madison Township Park. Around July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Visitors Bureau will dump a load of sand on the beach at Madison Township Park, Mentor Headlands Park, and somewhere in Eastlake. The Visitors Bureau has four or five different locations on beaches along Lake Erie that they will use. Sand sculptors will come and design sculptures at each location. Residents can get a punch card for the events, and a gift will be given. Mr. Sill said that was exciting, and he cannot wait to check out the event and see how it goes. Mr. Brown said he would keep the Board in the loop on the event.

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Sill was not here a couple years ago, but the Township did a project with Lake County Utilities to resurface Atwater Road, Bank Street, Division Road, and Shoreacre Drive. By going in with Lake County Utilities, the Township was able to apply for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant which replaced the water line. OPWC is more favorable upon approving grants where projects are combined rather than single projects. The estimate for resurfacing our roads was one hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$178,000.00). The Township ended up paying fifty-three thousand dollars (\$53,000.00) for this project saving two-thirds of the cost. Mr. Brown said the end of last week, he received a call from Randy Rothlisberger, Lake County Sanitary Engineer, who stated Lake County would like to do the same thing on Tarbell Avenue in Madison Township in a year or two. Mr. Rothlisberger asked if the Township would like to take part in this project. Mr. Brown said he committed the Township to the application for the grant which will be submitted now. No funds are committed at this time, and the Township can bail out at any time. Mr. Brown said after the water line is put in, Tarbell Avenue will be all chewed up and will need to be resurfaced. Mr. Brown stated if we get the grant, it will probably save the Township quite a bit of money.

Last week, Mr. Brown received a call regarding the Madison, Perry, and Fairport Harbor Senior Centers and how they interact with each other. Commissioner Beverage called a meeting to make sure the centers are not duplicating services, and if so, can they streamline the services and use the funds for other programs. Commissioner Beverage made it very clear he is not interested in closing any centers or stopping services, but to make sure the three senior centers are being run efficiently. Perry's Senior Center Director has resigned and is leaving. One question brought up is can one director run all three (3) centers?



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Fairport Harbor Senior Center hosts a lot of events for Painesville Township seniors, as Painesville Township does not have a senior enter. Mr. Brown said he is bringing this up to stop the rumor mill from starting. The Township does not have the ability to make this decision. A recommendation would have to come from the Senior Boards. Mr. Brown asked the Board if they had any questions.

Mr. Anderson stated he served on the Senior Board for many years, and he thinks the Madison Senior Center and Carol Billetter, Director, does a fabulous job. He thinks each senior center needs a director, but they can still work together. Mr. Wayman said he heard a rumor over the weekend that two senior centers were closing. Mr. Wayman also thinks each center should have their own director. Mr. Sill asked if the Commissioners may be trying to trim some expenses. Mr. Brown said the levy that funds the centers will be up in four (4) years so they may be considering the future. Mr. Anderson stated the Township donates to the Madison Senior Center each year. Mr. Sill said it is well worth it as our aging community is getting bigger, and funds should be expanded, if anything. Mr. Wayman said the center is very busy. Mr. Anderson said Carol does a great job and a lot of residents go there. Mr. Brown said the Madison Senior Center is also the food distribution center for "Meals on Wheels".

Mr. Brown received a notice today that the Lake County Township Association Meeting regarding the property tax referendum that might be on the ballot will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Painesville Township Hall on Nye Road. Mr. Sill said he might not be able to attend if he is not back in time. Mr. Wayman and Mr. Anderson stated they would attend.

Mr. Brown said he put in for and received a check for a sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00) reimbursement for the first half of the Emerson Culvert and Beach Drive Projects. This was for engineering, bidding, and some construction management. The funds were put back into the Township's Road & Bridge fund.

Mr. Brown stated he went to a graduation ceremony with Mr. Cook last night. Matt Price graduated from the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) group of community builders' class. There were seventeen (17) members who met with people from the Lake County Board of Common Pleas, Lincoln Electric, Marous Brothers Construction, and the Lake County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (MRDD). Matt's project had to do with water safety which culminated in purchasing through fundraising, producing the signs, getting signs out in Madison, Perry, Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Timberlake, Lakeland, Eastlake, Willoughby, Geneva-on-the Lake, and Conneaut. The project had to do with rip currents, the dangers, and how to avoid getting pulled out into a rip current. Mr. Brown said he thought Matt got quite a bit out of the class which took just under a year to complete. It gives an employee who has been around for years a chance to refocus and reenergize. Matt was a very active participant and would be happy to discuss this with you should you run into him. Mr. Cook agreed. Mr. Anderson wanted to congratulate Mr. Price and will also do so in person. Mr. Wayman said he is always pleased to hear about an employee trying to better himself. Mr. Sill completely agreed. Mr. Brown said it is money well spent and encourages investing funds in the future for this type of program.

OTHER:

Mr. Wayman stated the last Fire Board Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> went smoothly, but there were a few ripples which are being looked into. The next meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Station #2 on Hubbard Road at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Wayman stated he would like to publicly thank Gary Pasqualone for his work on the C4 case. He did a fantastic job. Mr. Wayman said he is glad the case is now closed. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Pasqualone did an outstanding job for the Township. He went to battle for us. Mr. Anderson said he thanked Mr. Pasqualone and Mr. Ungers for all their work on the case. Mr. Sill said he is also glad the case if off the books after a lengthy process.

Mr. Sill stated he would like to discuss the property tax issue which might get on the ballot, and what we need to do and be concerned about regarding this issue. It is very concerning



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because what people are going to hear is about getting rid of property taxes but not the ramifications of the action. Mr. Sill said he read through the proposal, and there is no plan to compensate for the loss of funds. Mr. Sill suggested getting Mr. Pasqualone to write up something the Township could send out to residents to explain this issue. Mr. Brown state one of the main jobs of the Lake County Township Associate is to start a process to advise residents at their next meeting. Mr. Brown said property tax accounts for seventy-five percent (75%) of the Township's budget. Mr. Brown asked who's going to plow our roads and who's going to bury people? These things are not going to happen because there will be no one working here. Lake County is going to take a pretty pro-active stance regarding this issue. Mr. Brown said he thinks this issue will be addressed at the next Lake County Township Association meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. That is where we will get a document for residents to read.

Chief Hager said he forgot to mention for the second year in a row, the Police Department will work with Mr. Ungers, Zoning Inspector, to address some of the junk vehicles in the Township. Mr. Ungers said that was a fantastic idea. Mr. Ungers stated he also wanted to publicly thank Mr. Pasqualone for his work on the C4 case.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:
None

Mr. Sill stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. preceded by the Trustees' Workshop Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Sill asked if there was any other business, and with no further business to discuss, requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Chairman Sill adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 12:40 P.M.

Thomas M. Sill, Chairman

Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer