

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Meeting

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

Held _____

July 8, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

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Chairman Sill called the July 8, 2025, 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. Sill called for a roll call: Mr. Wayman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Sill, Ms. Hamercheck, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Anderson stated he would like to address the issue of a sidewalk on Chapel Road for the Cardinal Woods patients who drive their wheelchairs on Chapel Road. He recently noticed two incidents of this happening lately with traffic involved. Mr. Anderson is worried about the safety of these patients. This is a daily occurrence. The Township previously requested a sidewalk from the Lake County Engineer's Office, Lake County, but there was a lack of support for the idea. Mr. Anderson said there is a new Lake County Engineer now, and it might be a good time to ask again. Mr. Wayman stated he saw two gentlemen driving wheelchairs down Chapel Road, and they usually go together. It is definitely a safety concern. Mr. Brown said he did not receive much response from the former Engineer's office on the issue. He spoke to the new Engineer who is not opposed to the sidewalk but will not be responsible for it or be able to pay for it. His funds are available only for roads, not sidewalks. Mr. Brown said he has a call into the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program who has funds for people with disabilities. The Township does have some funds from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account. Mr. Brown stated he will probably ask the Trustees for a motion to start the process for a sidewalk on Chapel Road from Cardinal Woods to Chapel Road. The Township will need to hire an engineering firm to design the sidewalk. The sidewalk will have to somehow be squeezed in between the telephone poles and right-of-way. The Trustees all agreed the residents of Cardinal Woods should be able to get outside and enjoy moving around safely.

Mr. Anderson advised Mr. Cook of several areas requiring some attention in the Township. First, on Lake Road West in between Grove Avenue and Glenview Avenue eastbound is a dip in the road like the one further east. Also, the bushes on Grove are sticking out too far and need to be cut. There is another bush that needs to be cut on Tarbell Avenue between Rosena Avenue and Yale Avenue. Mr. Cook stated he would address the issues.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown stated the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) notices were sent out on June 17, 2025, for the sewer extension. The Commissioner is going to consider a Resolution declaring the improvements to be a public necessity. If the Resolution is passed, there will be a public hearing on September 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at 1900 ULAB on Blasé-Nemeth Road. The project is moving forward and picking up pace now.

The Emerson Culvert Project is pretty much done. The punch list was completed on July 1, 2025, with the engineer and the contractor. There was an issue with the guardrails which did not extend enough on the south side of the roadway and will need to be extended. This will increase the project by approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), but it is a must. The extension should be done within a week or two. Coffin blocks were put in place so the cars do not go up and over the ridge until the extension is done. Mr. Sill said he went down to check it out with his wife, and you can see why we would definitely want those to curve in as it is pretty tight to the road. Mr. Anderson said when he took his wife over to look in the past, people would stop and complain. Now it looks pretty good. Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Cook for keeping up on the project.

Mr. Brown said regarding the 2025 Road Program, all the roads are paved. All that remains to be done is the berming, the crack sealing of the joints, and the punch list. The project is about eighty to eighty-five percent (80% - 85%) done. Mr. Sill inquired how the Township did with the budget with that project. Mr. Brown stated the Township is about seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) under the estimate. Mr. Sill mentioned the possibility of doing something with the dead trees if there are leftover funds. Mr. Brown said he would be surprised if there are no left-over funds. One of the reasons the Township has to have a Special Meeting mid-July is because we are expecting a big check of about three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000.000) which will need approval.

The Township received the NOPEC ACH check on June 26, 2025, for the Administration Building windows. That project is all closed out, and the Township has been reimbursed.

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The Trustees decided to hold a Special Trustees' Meeting in July on Tuesday, July 22th, 2025, at noon.

Mr. Brown stated David LaRosa, Service Department, had an anniversary on July 5, 2025. David has been with the Township for eighteen (18) years. Mr. Sill said that was awesome.

Mr. Sill asked if there were any updates on the Stanton Park Armor Stone Project. Mr. Brown said the Township is still waiting on the designs which is what he was told when he called to check in on the project and also the last couple of times he has called. Mr. Sill said a lot of people are on vacation this time of year. Mr. Brown said now that the road projects are getting completed, more time will be spent on projects such as this one.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated the department ran the speed sign on Lake Road near Grove Avenue for over a week. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of drivers drove less than forty (40) miles per hour and point zero one percent (.01%) drove over fifty (50) miles per hour. A thirty-five (35) mile per hour sign was posted. The average ingoing was thirty-point seventy-four percent (30.74%), and the outgoing was thirty-two percent (32%). Everyone behaved pretty well.

Chief Hager said he paid overtime for an officer to work for six (6) hours, three (3) days on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The hours were 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and 12:00 to 6:00 P.M. driving back and forth on Lake Road looking for dirt bikes and golf carts. The department found one (1) dirt bike and two or three (2 or 3) golf carts while driving Parkview Drive, Bennett Road, Argyle Drive and Lake Road; Madison Avenue and Mohawk Drive; Oxford Drive, Lake Road, Township Park. Chief Hager said these are just people who think they can drive these things on the road. The department will do the same thing this weekend closer to Grove Avenue. Chief Hager said during the Regular Meeting he will be presenting a Resolution to hire another patrolman. He will also have a Resolution for the second meeting in July to hire another officer who just graduated from the academy.

Mr. Anderson stated he had one golf cart stop in front of his house on Sunday and Monday and one on July 4th shooting off bottle rockets. He received a lot of calls at night about the fireworks from his neighbors who complain about the dirt bikes, the fireworks, and the snow plows. Mr. Anderson said he and Chief Byers went to see Judge Mike Cicconetti about some of these issues in the past. He was advised to give a verbal warning first, then a written warning if that fails, and then a citation. Mr. Anderson said he is going to put some things related to the noise resolution out on Facebook so residents know what is what.

LEGAL:

Solicitor, Mr. Pasqualone, stated he had nothing for the meeting.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Service Department Supervisor, Mr. Cook, stated the Chip Seal Program on Indianola Drive and St. John Drive is scheduled to start in the next two (2) weeks, according to the contractor.

Mr. Cook said unfortunately, the Township did not receive funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Township Park restroom improvements. He is not sure where we were on the list.

The new Madison Township Park slide is schedule to arrive in August and will be installed the first week of September.

Mr. Cook said after the close out of the NOPEC funds that Mr. Brown talked about, the Township has about nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) remaining. With the Board's approval, the Township will be redoing the sign out front of the Administration Building and putting a LED display at the bottom of the sign. The Trustees liked the idea of a new sign.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, stated she will have another liquor license transfer during the Regular Meeting.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, was absent. Mr. Brown said Mr. Ungers has been very busy with junk vehicles, high grass, and zoning inquiries.

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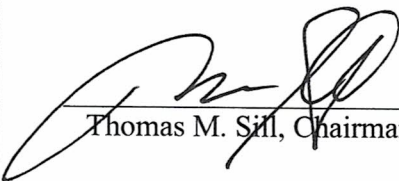
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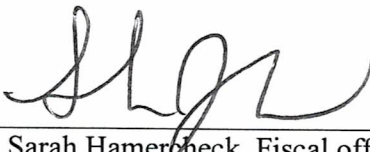
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Mr. Brown stated the group that was attempting to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot did not file the required petitions for review. They had to get five hundred thousand (500,000) signatures and was trying to get seven hundred thousand (700,000) signatures. It is a dead issue for now only. Mr. Sill said he has seen many comments on social media. It is good for the public to get all the facts, and try to understand the issue a little better.

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' Workshop Meeting at 6:54 P.M.


Thomas M. Sill, Chairman


Sarah Hamerheck, Fiscal officer