

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

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

November 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Held _____

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Vice Chairman Anderson called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023, 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. Anderson stated he would be conducting the meeting tonight for Mr. Wayman who is absent due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Anderson called for a roll call: Mr. Gauntner, Mr. Anderson, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

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

Mr. Anderson stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to reflect on things and to remember family, friends, neighbors, and members of the military and safety forces who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents' Hallie Acord, Peter Alexander Oros, Sr., Wanda Willaman, Fredrick Robare, Ruth Kerr Bell, Vivian Briggs, Carol Sirl, Robert Dillworth, and Beth Horgan. Mr. Gauntner stated one of the names on the list, Peter Oros has an interesting connection to the Township. His daughter, Leslie Oros, designed the Madison Township logo for the Township back in 1982. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek mentioned Beth Horgan was only 56 years old and had a heart attack and never woke up. Beth worked very hard on the Old Tavern and was a friend to everybody.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred eighty thousand, seven hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents (\$180,737.96) (actual) for November 14, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred eighty thousand, seven hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents (\$180,737.96) (actual) for November 14, 2023, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated Mayfield Auto Group LLC was paid fifty-one thousand, five hundred fifteen dollars (\$51,515.00) for the Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive, SE Blueprint Inc. was paid eight thousand, three hundred twenty dollars (\$8,320.00) for digital copies of the Minute Books, Barrington Consulting Group, Inc. was paid forty-three thousand, six hundred forty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$43,642.50) for design/engineering for the North Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Project, Motorola Solutions, Inc. was paid four thousand, four hundred ninety-four dollars (\$4,494.00) for fixing a body camera for the Police Department, and Universal Oil, Inc. was paid four thousand, six hundred twenty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$4,626.64).

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred eleven thousand, one hundred seventy-three dollars and ten cents (\$111,173.10) (actual) for November 17th and payroll in the amount of twenty-one thousand, eight hundred fifty-six dollars (\$21,856.00) (actual) for November 17, 2023, Holiday Payout/Contracted Employees.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred eleven thousand, one hundred seventy-three dollars and ten cents (\$111,173.10) (actual) for November 17, 2023, and payroll in the amount of twenty-one thousand, eight hundred fifty-six dollars (\$21,856.00) (actual) for November 17, 2023, Holiday Payout/Contracted Employees, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

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TRUSTEES:

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-115**, A Resolution recognizing and honoring the Madison Country Club on their One-Hundredth (100th) Anniversary of operation in Madison Township.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-115**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner read **Resolution #23-115**.

"A Special Resolution recognizing and honoring the Madison Country Club on their one-hundredth (100th) Anniversary of Operation in Madison Township.

WHEREAS, in 1920 Cleveland developer H. A. (Howard) Stahl purchased approximately 1,500 acres of property in Madison Township to create a summer cottage community with recreational facilities in which approximately 110 acres was set aside to construct a golf course to be known as the Madison Golf Lakeland Country Club; and

WHEREAS, the eighteen (18) hole golf course was designed by Scottish golf course designer Grange (Sandy) Elves with construction commencing in September of 1921, and opening in the spring of 1923 with a membership totaling over one hundred (100) members; and

WHEREAS, At the end of World War II Madison Golf Lakelands Country Club was officially changed to Madison Golf and Country Club; and

WHEREAS, In 1962 Madison Golf and Country Club was officially changed to the Madison Country Club; and

WHEREAS, members and patrons willing to accept and experience the courses' challenging layout, pristine fairways, and manicured greens from all over the country annually enjoy more than twenty-thousand (20,000) rounds of golf; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Country Club, currently operating in its one-hundredth (100th) year, is believed to be the oldest continuously operating business in Madison Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MADISON
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES THAT:**

Section 1. The Board of Madison Trustees hereby recognize and honor the Madison Country Club, owner Rollin Cooke III, Director of Golf Operations Kevin Leymaster, former club members and patrons on the 100th Anniversary of continuous operations.

Section 2. The Board of Madison Township Trustees hereby wish the Madison Country Club, its owners, employees, members, and patrons many more prosperous years of enjoyment and success upon the golf course.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code."

Mr. Gauntner stated the Resolution speaks for itself. Madison Country Club has been in business for one hundred years. It survived some hard times during World War II and also a more recent fire but has survived which is a testament to its owner and community. Mr. Pasqualone has been a member of the golf course for many years and even won a club championship in 2007 or 2008. Mr. Pasqualone stated he actually won the championship three (3) different times. Mr. Gauntner asked Mr. Rollin Cooke III to come up front for the presentation of the Resolution.

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Mr. Gauntner said he can not think of another business that has been in business for one hundred years in Madison Township. Mr. Cooke accepted the Resolution and thanked the Trustees. Mr. Cooke stated he appreciated the recognition and honor very much.

Mr. Anderson mentioned American Legion Jay Wilson Post 112 will also celebrate its 100th Anniversary in December.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Byers stated in the month of October, 2023, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,133 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,133	911	21
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Abuse	1
Administrative	17	Alarm	37
Animal Complaint	21	Arrest on Warrant	3
Assault	3	Assist Fire Department	235
Assist Other	14	Assist Police	11
Business Check	65	Burglary in Progress/Burg Report	1/1
Civil	14	Court	7
Community Policing	13	Disabled Vehicle	8
Disturbance	20	Damage Accident	12
Directed Patrol	1	Drugs	2
Domestic Violence	4	Escort	0
Family Dispute	4	Hcheck	1
Fraud	3	Fireworks Complaint	2
Harassment	7	Phone Harassment	1
Hazard	20	Hit & Run	4
Investigation Follow-Up	55	Information	37
Injury Accident	1	CD Custody Dispute	7
Juvenile Complaint	7	Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Lockout	25	Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous	1	Missing Person	2
Neighbor Complaint	5	Noise Complain	17
Overdose	2	Private Property Accident	6
Parking Violation	3	Property Damage	1
Property Found	6	Property Lost	1
Pumps	7	Repossession	3
Runway	4	Security Check	54

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Sex Offense	2	House Check	1
Shots (Noise)	1	Sick Call Off	6
Special Detail	21	Suicide Threat/Attempt	3/2
Suspicious Circumstances	57	Suspicious Person	10
Suspicious Vehicle	14	Test Call	5
Theft	8	Threat	6
TPO Violation	2	Traffic Stop	56
Training	16	Transport	2
Trespassing	2	Traffic Complaint	28
Traffic Detail	3	Unwanted Subject	2
Vandalism	1	Welfare Check	16
Rape	2	Weapons Offense	1
Vehicle Recovered	1	CRMDMG	7

Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-116**, A Resolution accepting the resignation of Jeffrey Butram as a full-time police officer in the Madison Township Police Department effective November 13, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-116**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Chief Hager said he received Officer Butram's resignation letter yesterday. Officer Butram and his wife will be starting a new business which is the reason for his resignation. Mr. Gauntner said he hated to see Officer Butram go as the Police Department is already short staffed as it is. Mr. Anderson said Officer Butram was a good officer and did a great job.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated the two (2) pending lawsuits are still in the discovery process. Regarding the C4 case, the court has allowed more time to exchange the discovery. Mr. Pasqualone said he spoke to the opposing attorney this week, and indicated he would have the public records request sent to them by Friday of this week. Mr. Pasqualone said he will keep the Board advised.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, advised the Board no new purchase orders can be issued after November 30th. All the accounts must be closed out in December.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers gave the October, 2023, Monthly Zoning Report:

- 15 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of \$ 727,000.00.
- Zoning Permit and application fees collected totaled \$ 1,925.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in October to hear a Public Hearing for rezoning request #23-001 and to set Public Hearings for rezoning request #23-002 and text amendments to the Zoning Resolution.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met once in October to sign minutes and discuss upcoming Variances and Conditional Use Permits.

30 Zoning Complaints:

- 21 - High Grass
- 4 - Excessive Refuse

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- 5 - Out-of-Compliance
178 calls recorded

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, reported the October, 2023, Monthly Service Department Report:

- Continued mowing and maintenance on all Township owned property, parks, and cemeteries.
- Continued service and maintenance on all Township owned equipment.
- Hot patching pothole check completed on all Township roads
- Crack sealing completed on Abiding Way, Campbell Drive, and Arcola Road.
- Durapatching completed on Indianola Drive and Hubbard Road.
- Stump grinding completed by outside contractor – Township Service Department removed grinding, top soiled, and seeded.
- Yard Waste Numbers to date:

Yard Waste	672	Residents	
Chipper	626	Residents	
Total	1,298	Residents	(Averaging 100 Residents per date)
- Special Additional Drop-Off Date will be Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-117**, A Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property which the Board of Madison Township Trustees has determined is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired and which has an aggregate fair market value of more than \$2,500.00.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-117**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

The personal property for public sale includes a 2001 Generac 50KVA Single Phase Generator and a 2007 HD-35 Bend Pak 35,000 lb. Vehicle Lift.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-118**, A Resolution amending Madison Township Resolution #19-128, Faithful Performance of Duty Coverage.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-118**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown stated this coverage is open ended through Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA).

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-119**, A Resolution to enter the Agreement with Visual Armor Security of Painesville, Ohio, to install a security camera at the Madison Township Service Department Garage.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-119**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

The security cameras will cover the yard surrounding the Service Department garage, the gasoline pumps, and the new Pickleball Courts at Veterans Park.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-120**, A Resolution entering into an Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, at a cost not to exceed six thousand, three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) to prepare bid specifications and management services for Madison Township's Stanton Park Trail Improvement Project.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-120**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

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Mr. Brown said this project is scheduled for the Spring of 2024. Mr. Brown stated he may make a recommendation to the Board to hire Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to do an inspection once completed so the Township does not get accused of incompetence.

OTHER:

Mr. Gauntner said the Madison Fire District Fire Board Meeting will be held tomorrow night, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station #3.

Mr. Gauntner stated he wished the Ford Road residents were at this meeting tonight. Mr. Gauntner said he was at the Lake County Commissioners' Office this afternoon for a Senior Levy Advisory Board Meeting. He was advised by two of the County Commissioners that they were going to approve funding for the Ford Road Bridge this Thursday, November 16th at their Commissioners' Meeting. The Lake County Engineer has come up with a solid number for the project of 2.6 million dollars (\$2,600,000.00) and has some ideas for moving the project along quickly. If everything goes smoothly, the project could be completed by the summer of 2024. Mr. Gauntner said Ford Road has now been closed for four hundred forty-five (445) days. Hopefully, the wheels start turning on Thursday and things can move forward on repairing the Ford Road Bridge.

Mr. Anderson reminded everyone the Administrative Offices will be closed Thursday, November 23, 2023, and Friday, November 24, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to add one more date to the Yard Waste/Chipper Program schedule of Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Charles Barnicoat, 6476 Chapel Road, addressed the Board regarding a free-range chicken complaint. Mr. Barnicoat stated his neighbor has free-range chickens who are quite a nuisance coming in his yard and leaving feces on his driveway, porch, and deck. Mr. Barnicot said he has to clean up after the chickens every day. Mr. Barnicoat wondered if the Township had an ordinance regarding this problem. Mr. Gauntner stated under Ohio Revised Code, townships cannot pass ordinances. Townships are limited to what can be done with agriculture. The Township cannot regulate chickens except in platted subdivisions under our zoning code. Mr. Barnicot asked if he should contact the Police Department. Mr. Brown suggested calling the Police Department at least once or twice to document the source of the chickens. Mr. Anderson suggested taking videos of the mess the chicken leave on the driveway, porch, and deck. Mr. Gauntner mentioned that former Police Chief Byers in the past found an Ohio Revised Code (ORC) law that required farm animals be kept under control. That ORC research by Chief Byers was the result of Guinea Hens free ranging in the Redbird Road area. Chief Hager said that the ORC law may have to do with animals at large. Chief Hager will look into it, and will contact Mr. Barnicoat with what he finds. Mr. Pasqualone said Mr. Barnicoat could file an injunctive relief regarding this issue. He suggested contacting the Police Department and documenting everything. The Police Department can talk to the neighbor and see if that helps. If it does not help, a second call can be documented. Mr. Barnicoat thanked the Trustees for listening.

Mr. Anderson stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to enter into Executive Session in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual; being a Bureau of Workers' Compensation case.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M., seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

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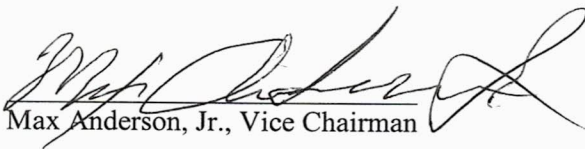
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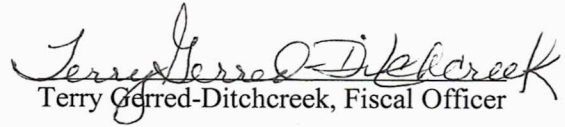
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Mr. Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:51 P.M. and with no further business requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vice Chairman Anderson adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:51 P.M.


Max Anderson, Jr., Vice Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer