

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

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

October 10, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Wayman called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of October 10, 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. Wayman called for a roll call: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Gauntner, Mr. Wayman, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

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

Mr. Wayman stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to reflect on things and to remember family, friends, and neighbors, who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents' Carol Ciammaichella, Juanita Potter, Phyllis McAtee, Victoria Ozinga, Karen Cannady, Thomas Solden, Eric Brininger, Margaret Adams, Thomas Harting, Curtis Stewart, and Edward Gvora, Sr.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting and the September 26, 2023, Trustees' Special Public Zoning Hearing.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting, and the September 26, 2023, Trustees' Special Zoning Hearing, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of fifty-seven thousand, six hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-one cents (\$57,617.61 (actual) for October 10, 2023.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of fifty-seven thousand, six hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-one cents (\$57,617.61) (actual) for October 10, 2023, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated one large bill was for Madison Muffler in the amount of four thousand, nine hundred sixty-two dollars and eighty-three cents (\$4,962.83) for a lot of vehicle repairs.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred ten thousand, four hundred forty-three dollars and forty-six cents (\$110,443.46) (actual) for October 6, 2023, and payroll in the amount of one hundred ten thousand, six hundred sixty-six dollars and sixty cents (\$110,666.60) (estimate) for October 20, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred ten thousand, four hundred forty-three dollars and forty-six cents (\$110,443.46) (actual) for October 6, 2023, and payroll in the amount of one hundred ten thousand, six hundred sixty-six dollars and sixty cents (\$110,666.60) (estimate) for October 20, 2023, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Wayman stated since he has been with Madison Township for the last twenty-four (24) years, Halloween has always been held traditionally on Halloween. Mr. Wayman asked if the Board had any other suggestions.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to hold "Trick or Treat" on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Gauntner said residents on social media have been asking about when the Township will have "Trick or Treat". One resident posted the wrong times for "Trick or Treat" after seeing something on social media, but it was for Madison Township in Franklin County. Residents have to remember there are about twenty (20) Madison Townships in the State of Ohio.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated in the month of September, 2023, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,217 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,217	911	11
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Abuse	0
Administrative	12	Alarm	41
Animal Complaint	24	Arrest on Warrant	10
Assault Report	1	Assist Fire Department	207
Assist Other	20	Assist Police	11
Business Check	81	Burglary in Progress	1
Civil	12	Court	5
Community Policing	38	Disabled Vehicle	4
Disturbance	21	Damage Accident	10
Directed Patrol	1	Drugs	1
Domestic Violence	4	Escort	0
Family Dispute	2	Fight	2
Fraud	6	Fireworks Complaint	9
Harassment	9	Phone Harassment	1
Hazard	10	Hit & Run	4
Investigation Follow-Up	48	Information	46
Injury Accident	5	Injury Accident	1
Juvenile Complaint	14	Littering/Illegal Dumping	2
Lockout	28	Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous	1	Missing Person	1
Neighbor Complaint	6	Noise Complaint	12
Overdose	0	Private Property Accident	2
Parking Violation	0	Property Damage	3
Property Found	2	Property Lost	2
Pumps	44	Repossession	5
Runaway	2	Security Check	1
Sex Offense	1	House Check	2
Shots (Noise)	1	Sick Call Off	5
Special Detail	13	Suicide Threat/Attempt	4
Suspicious Circumstances	71	Suspicious Person	22
Suspicious Vehicle	21	Test Call	3

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Theft	10	Threat	7
TPO Violation	1	Traffic Stop	77
Training	3	Transport	0
Trespassing	1	Traffic Complaint	33
Traffic Detail	3	Unwanted Subject	2
Vandalism	3	Welfare Check	26
Vehicle Stolen	1	DOA	4

Chief Hager stated there was nothing outstanding with the numbers for this September as compared to September of last year.

Chief Hager said the Township will be sending a cruiser out to the Captains' Stadium for "Trunk or Treat" for Halloween. The Captains invite a cruiser from each agency in Lake County every year. Madison Township has been going for several years now. Officer Ackerman will be attending this year. Chief Hager said the Patrolmen's' Association will purchase the candy.

Mr. Gauntner said there were 1,217 calls for service in September. That number seems to be consistent with the number of calls each month. The number used to be 1,100 but is inching up a little, Chief Hager agreed that they are.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated as he indicated at the last meeting, the pending "C4 Shooting & Training Center" case has been dismissed by the 11th District Court of Appeals and sent back to the Common Pleas Court. Mr. Pasqualone said he requested a hearing. The visiting judge (Judge Kimbler) has now scheduled a Case Management Conference for October 26, 2023, by "Zoom" teleconference. Mr. Pasqualone stated his question to the Judge will be how he is going to handle the Permanent Injunction the township is seeking against C4. There is also a new lawyer representing "C4 Shooting & Training Center." Mr. Pasqualone said he will keep the Board posted. Mr. Gauntner asked if there was any news on the other pending legal case. Mr. Pasqualone stated he is gathering information and putting together a response to their discovery request.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, stated the Township received twenty-two thousand, nine hundred sixty-two dollars (\$22,962.00) in interest from the Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Andover Bank (for six (6) months). Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek said she had the bank post the interest to the Township's account today. The bank also gave her a higher interest rate of 4.68% for the CD (for three (3) months) this time. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated this was a good return on this investment.

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek updated the Board on appropriations thus far this year. The General Fund is at 60.1%, Road & Bridge is at 58.3%, and the Police Department is at 66.2%. Overall the Township is at 54.6% for spending so far this year. If spending was at 100%, the Township would be at 75%. Mr. Wayman said the appropriations numbers are very good.

ZONING:

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

- 11 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of \$ 61,000.00.
- Zoning Permit fees and application fees collected totaled \$ 1,395.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in September.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met once in September and approved a Use Variance for Ross Road Properties, LLC.

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Zoning Complaints: 22 Complaints recorded: 176 calls received.

- 17 High Grass
- 4 Excessive Refuse
- 1 Out-of-Compliance

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

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

- Continued mowing and maintenance on all Township owned property, parks, and cemetery.
- Continued service and maintenance on Township owned equipment.
- Hot patching pothole check completed on all Township roads.
- Jetting completed on Stonehaven Road, Argyle Drive, and Little Green Lane.
- Crack sealing completed on Sandgate Road and Paisley Road and all Township Road cuts were also sealed along with any milled area done by the Service Department.
- Stormwater Ditching Program Update:
 - 4,200 ft Giant Eagle Area Regional Waterways
 - 2,400 ft Southwest side of Dayton Road exiting nursery heading north
 - 9,800 ft Arcola Creek from Hubbard Road to Arcola Road
 - 6,200 ft Creek from Dayton Road to Wood Road
 - 7,200 ft Indianola Drive/St. John Drive Regional Waterways
 - 29,800 ft Total
- Yard Waste/Chipper Numbers to Date:
 - Yard Waste: 561 Residents
 - 529 Residents
 - Total 1,090 Residents

Next Yard Waste/Chipper Drop-Off Date: October 14, 2023

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-107**, A Resolution to enter into an agreement with Einheit Electric Construction Company, not to exceed the amount of four thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars (\$4,123.00), for the installation of electrical components in the Bill Stanton Park Banquet Hall kitchen.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-107**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Gauntner stated the Lake County Engineers Department has been very lax in cutting down dead trees along their roads in the Township. There is a dead tree on Hubbard Road north of Madison Avenue on the east side between Madison Avenue and Huron Avenue that looks like it could fall down at any time. Mr. Gauntner said Lee Bodnar, former Madison Township Administrator, advised the County back in 2016 about this dead tree. There is another dead tree across the street. Mr. Gauntner said Lake County just does not want to cut these dead trees down. Mr. Gauntner asked Mr. Cook if he would reach out to the county once again regarding these dead trees on Hubbard Road.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, updated the Board regarding the Burger King restaurant on Route 20 that was damaged by fire back in February of this year. Mr. Brown said the Township did receive one hundred eighty-four thousand dollars (\$184,000.00) in escrow funds in case the building has to be demolished. Mr. Brown stated he did have a conversation with the Burger King insurance representative who stated Burger King has no idea what they are going to do with the property. Burger King could not even tell the insurance representative where to send the balance of their insurance settlement check. Mr. Brown said the Board may have to pass a Resolution to order a demolition of the building. Mr. Pasqualone may have to look into the matter down the road. Mr. Gauntner stated he thinks it is time to pass a Resolution at the next meeting to do something about this problem. The building is right in the middle of the Townships business district, and it looks awful. Residents on social media are always asking about the boarded-up building. Mr. Gauntner said he is ready to pass a Resolution to declare the building a nuisance and start the process necessary to demolish the building. Mr. Pasqualone said he will contact

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the attorney he talked to in the past regarding the Burger King and see what their response is regarding future plans for the building. Mr. Gauntner stated the Township does not have the statutory legal authority to condemn the building. The Building Department, Health Department, and Fire Department would all have to agree first. The Township can declare the building a nuisance and then get help from the Building, Health, and Fire Departments to condemn the building. Mr. Brown suggested getting the Fire District to send him an inspection report of the property. He will prepare a Resolution for this matter for the next Trustees' Meeting. Mr. Pasqualone said he will contact the same people he talked to when the fire happened and see if he can find out anything. Mr. Gauntner said he will talk to Fire Chief Meister as Captain Sopko is dealing with a family matter currently and unavailable. Mr. Gauntner said it is time to do something. The Township has been very patient regarding this matter.

OTHER:

Mr. Gauntner stated the next Fire Board Meeting is next Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Fire Station #3. Mr. Gauntner said one of the items to be discussed is promotion of a new captain as Justin Meister has moved up to the Chief position.

Mr. Gauntner said he attended the Lake County Commissioners Meeting last Thursday. After sitting in the meeting for an hour, Mr. Gauntner stated he realized the Township is no further ahead in getting the Ford Road Bridge open than we were four hundred and ten (410) days ago. It is getting ridiculous. Mr. Gauntner said now the Lake County Budget Director is quitting. Mr. Wayman said the Madison Township Trustees work together for the good of the community. Why can't the Lake County Commissioners work together? Mr. Gauntner said he spent many years working for Lake County, and he has never seen anything like this before.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

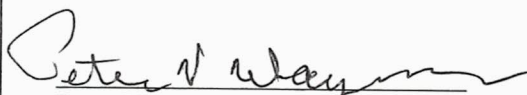
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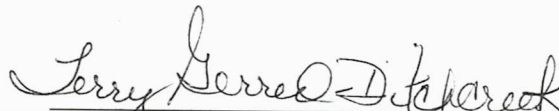
Mr. Wayman stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:23 P.M.


Peter V. Wayman, Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer

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