

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

March 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024, 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 called for a roll call: Mr. Gauntner, Mr. Anderson, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. Wayman was absent with a prior commitment.

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 Lorenzo Nolen, Richard Caine, Edward Walsh, Annie Carlson, and Felicia White.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting and the February 22, 2024, Trustees' Special Meeting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting and the February 22, 2024, Trustees' Special Meeting, seconded by 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 twenty-five thousand, seven hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-three cents (\$125,754.63) (actual) for March 12, 2024.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand, seven hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-three cents (\$125,754.63) (actual) for March 12, 2024, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated twenty thousand, four hundred seventeen dollars and forty-six cents (\$20,417.46) was paid to the Lake County Department of Utilities, eight thousand, nine hundred ninety dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$8,990.97) was paid to the Illuminating Company and twenty-five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$25,500.00) was paid to Classic Chevy/GMC of Madison for a 2024 Chevy Malibu for the Police Department.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, seven hundred twenty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents (\$109,729.61) (actual) for March 8, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, five hundred twenty-seven dollars and eighteen cents (\$109,527.18) (estimate) for March 22, 2024.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, seven hundred twenty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents (\$109,72.61) (actual) for March 8, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, five hundred twenty-seven dollars and eighteen cents (\$109,527.18) (estimate) for March 22, 2024, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Nothing for discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hagar stated in the month of February, 2024, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,001 calls for service, and submitted his monthly report to the Trustees.

Calls for Service	1,001	911	15
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Abuse	2
Administrative	5	Alarm	29
Animal Complaints	12	Arrest on Warrant	9

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Assault Report/Assault w/Injury	1	Drugs	1
Assist Fire Dept.	226	Assist Other	10
Assist Police	13	Business Checks	63
Burglary report	0	Custody Dispute	1
Directed Patrol	6	Civil	17
Court	9	Community Policing	11
Criminal Damaging	2	Disabled Vehicle	10
Damage Accident	11	Disturbance	22
Family Dispute	3	Fight	0
Fraud0	6	Fireworks	5
Harassment	2	Hit & Run	3
Hazard	12	Invest	62
Information	34	Phone Harassment	6
Juvenile Complaint	10	Misassigned	5
Lockout	13	Mental Subject	5
Miscellaneous	2	Neighbor Complaint	2
Domestic Violence	5	Noise Complaint	1
Private Property Accident	4	Parking Violation	2
Prowler	1	Property Damage	5
Property Found	6	Property Lost	1
Pumps	2	Repo	5
Runaway	3	Security Check	48
Sex Offense	3	Shots (Noise)	1
Shoplift	2	Sick Call Off	6
Soliciting Complaint	1	Special Detail	8
School Resource Office	50	Subpoena Served	1
Suicide Attempt	3	Suicide Threat	5
Suspicious Circumstance	44	Suspicious Person	7
Suspicious Vehicle	16	Test	1
Theft	9	Threat	7
TPPO Violation	2	Traffic Stop	44
Training	8	Trespassing	2
Traffic Complaint	19	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unwanted Subject	6	Vandalism	3

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Welfare Check	15		
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Chief Hager stated since the road work has started on Route 20, moving forward he will give the Trustees a breakdown of the construction going on there. Mr. Gauntner said it is going to be very interesting for the next year and a half. Chief Hager stated he will watch for clusters and monitor the traffic problem areas and then report back to the Trustees.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated what he has would be brought up in Executive Session.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to adopt **Resolution #24-041**, A Resolution adopting the 2024 Permanent Appropriations Budget.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to adopt **Resolution #24-041**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mt. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated the 2024 appropriations totaled eight million, eight hundred seventy-seven thousand, eight hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$8,877,833.59). Mr. Brown said the total is higher than last year due to the addition of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds which will eventually be sent to Lake County for the sanitary sewer project proposed for Route 20.

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek said spending through the end of February is 15.4% for the General Fund, 9.1% for Road & Bridge, and 13.75% for Police Department. Overall, the spending for the first two months of 2024 is pretty low at 12.98%.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers gave the February, 2024, Monthly Zoning Report:

- 5 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of \$ 184,000.00.
- Zoning Permit and application fees collected totaled \$ 255.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in February.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met once in February.

12 Zoning Complaints:

- 6 Excess Refuse.
- 6 Out-of-Compliance.

91 phone calls received in February.

Mr. Ungers requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-042**, A Resolution to certify costs incurred by Madison Township for the abatement of the listed properties in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 – abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris and to request that the Lake County Auditor enter the amount on the tax duplicate to be collected as Other Taxes and returned to Madison Township.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-042**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

The listed property is located at 2833 Hubbard Road, Parcel #01-B-094-C-00-002-0. Mr., Gauntner asked if this property was across from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Hubbard Road where a large amount of trash was left in the front yard. Mr. Ungers said yes. Mr. Ungers said the Madison Township Service Department cleaned up this property

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, was absent with another commitment.

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ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-040** tabled at the February 22nd meeting. A Resolution accepting the informal bid from Kingpin Construction, LLC of Madison, Ohio, at a total cost of seventy thousand, nine hundred fifty dollars (\$70,950.00) for the 2024 Siding Project at the Madison Township Service Department Garage.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to remove **Resolution #24-040** from the table, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-040**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-043**, A Resolution of agreement between the Board of Madison Township Trustees and the Grand River Kennel Club for the use of Bill Stanton Park to conduct an American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-043**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner stated this is about the twentieth year the Grand River Kennel Club has used Bill Stanton Park for their American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show. The dates for the show this year are July 11th through July 14th.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-044**, A Resolution certifying the Madison Township straight-line road mileage for 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-044**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown stated the Township vacated a portion of a road last year. Mr. Gauntner said the straight-line road mileage decreased by .772 mile which is less than a mile. The straight-line mileage for Madison Township is now 52.728 miles.

OTHER:

Mr. Gauntner stated tonight's meeting is an interesting meeting for him. Mr. Gauntner said he will not be at the last meeting of this month as he has a prior commitment so it is the last meeting he and Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek will be sitting at this table together. Mr. Gauntner said Terry has been sitting at the Trustees' table for many years. She was elected in November of 1983 as a Trustee and took office in 1984. Mr. Gauntner said he served as Township Administrator working with Terry until he left in January of 1989 to work for the County Commissioners. Mr. Gauntner has been in government for fifty (50) years, and Terry is not far behind him. Mr. Gauntner said when Terry left as a Township Trustee in 1992, she continued in government as a member of the Zoning Commission, on the Lakeland College Board of Trustees, and a board member on the Lake County Planning Commission. In 2009, Terry returned to Madison Township as Fiscal Officer. Mr. Gauntner said he wanted to thank Terry for all she has done for the Township and him over the years. He has known Terry for a long, long time. Mr. Gauntner stated Terry has balanced the budget every year and has always watched to keep spending right where it should be. He appreciates everything Terry has done, and he will miss her. Mr. Gauntner wished Terry and her husband George well. Maybe they can spend some more time in South Carolina in her retirement. Mr. Gauntner said he thinks in coming years the make-up of this Trustees' table is going to change drastically. Terry may be the first to go, but she will not be the last. Terry said retiring is going to be hard because she has never not worked. Mr. Gauntner said he retired from his full-time job in 2009, but the County Commissioners put him on lots of Boards which he still sits on today. A time comes when you just have to say "Enough is enough, I have done all I can do". Mr. Gauntner said he just wanted to wish Terry and George the best and thank Terry for all her help and guidance with the budget over the years. This community is going to miss her.

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Terry thanked Mr. Gauntner for his comments. Mr. Anderson also thanked Terry who was a Trustee when he worked for the Police Department. He appreciates everything she has done for the community. He will be present for Terry's last meeting on the 28th of March.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tim Sizemore, Madison Joint Recreation District (MJRD), addressed the Board regarding having a beer tent for the *Light Up the Park* event sponsored by the MJRD. Mr. Sizemore said the MJRD may not have *Octoberfest* this year. Mr. Sizemore said he spoke with Mr. Brown a few weeks ago regarding the beer tent. He gave the Trustees a diagram of where the beer tent would be located in Madison Township Park. Mr. Sizemore said he has checked to make sure there is enough space and the rules that need to be followed. There is fencing already there so that would be helpful. The tent would be approximately thirty by sixty feet (30' x 60') with a designated area for drinking with no roaming allowed. Mr. Sizemore asked if the Board could make a decision as soon as possible. Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Anderson did not want to make a decision without getting Mr. Wayman's input. Mr. Brown said Mr. Wayman will be back next week, and he can meet with him and Mr. Sizemore to discuss this. Mr. Gauntner said Chief Hager should be kept in the loop as police officers will need to be on hand for this if approved.

Jerry Fioretti, 2101 Old Mill Road, Madison Joint Recreation District, addressed the Board regarding the need for volunteers. Mr. Fioretti stated the Madison Joint Recreation Board has the same four (4) volunteers who do everything. This is a big problem. Mr. Gauntner said residents complain on social media but are nowhere to be found when volunteers are needed.

Mr. Duane Frager, Madison Joint Recreation District, stated there is a financial aspect to these events. Putting on two (2) events can be financially difficult even with the few fundraisers the MJRD holds. Mr. Frager said residents do not realize fireworks are not free. The MJRD has discussed putting on one event this year and making it a very good event. Mr. Frager said his main reason for speaking tonight is to thank the Board for their support with the NOPEC Grant. Mr. Frager said he wanted to publicly say the support from the Board is very much appreciated. Mr. Gauntner said he wished the Board could do more. Chief Hager stated he was able to get three or four workers from the court last year to help with the setup for *Light Up the Park*. Chief Hager said he could do the same thing this year.

Mr. John Boban, 6067 Ford Road, addressed the Board regarding the Ford Road Bridge which has been closed for 564 days now. Mr. Boban said he is starting to see some work being done on Ford Road with excavating equipment which is a good thing. Hopefully, more equipment will arrive soon. Mr. Gauntner said he had a discussion with County Commissioner Regovich last week who hopes things will be done by late summer or the end of the year. The problem seems to be lack of communication between the Engineers' Office and the Commissioners' Office.

Mr. Anderson stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to enter into Executive Session in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G 3: Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. (Michalski 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

Mr. Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:48 P.M. and with no further business requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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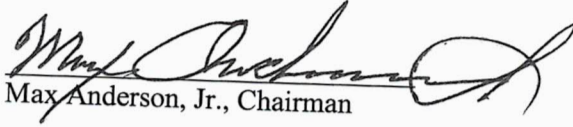
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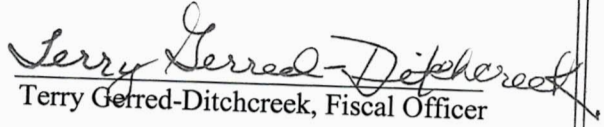
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Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Chairman Anderson adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:48 P.M.


Max Anderson, Jr., Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer

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