

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' WORKSHOP

Minutes of

Meeting

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

March 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the March 12, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held in the Trustees' Meeting Room at the Madison Township Administration Building.

Mr. Anderson called for a roll call: Mr. Gauntner, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Wayman will not be present at tonight's meeting as he has another commitment.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Gauntner stated he had nothing to discuss at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, said he had just a few updates to report to the Board. Mr. Brown said he met with North Perry Village on March 7th to discuss the Local Government Fund (LGF) formula and the process involved with distribution of funds to local governments. The next LGF Ad Hoc Meeting will be held on March 18th. Mr. Gauntner asked if a final formula would be approved at the meeting on March 18th. Mr. Brown said the framework is in place, but there are some who are not completely happy yet. Mr. Brown said if a final formula is not approved at the meeting on the 18th, then he hopes one will be forthcoming the week after.

Mr. Brown stated the next meeting with Lake County Utilities Department regarding the Route 20 Sanitary Sewer extension is on March 27th. Mr. Brown said he received a tentative schedule from Randy Rothlisberger, Lake County Sanitary Engineer, outlining how he thinks the rest of the year may go and getting the project sold and started in January of 2025. This schedule is absolutely subject to change. Randy wanted to get something out to the Board so the Trustees can see how the project is progressing. Mr. Gauntner mentioned that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds must be used by a certain deadline. Mr. Brown said the funds have to be committed by the end of 2024 and expended by 2025 so the clock is ticking on this project.

Mr. Brown said the Precon Meeting for resurfacing the Stanton Park Trail with asphalt is on March 26th. The asphalt plant does not open until mid-April. The Township does not want to be the first customer after the plant opens.

The new Sheetz gas station at Route 20 & Green Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) notices were sent out to the schools on February 26th. Mr. Brown stated he will be presenting a Resolution for this at the next Trustees' Regular Meeting on March 28th unless the Board tells him otherwise. Mr. Brown said he has not heard anything from the schools regarding this.

Mr. Brown stated sealed bids will be opened tomorrow March 13th at the Perry Township Administration Center for the 2024 Madison Township/Perry Township Road Program. There are at least five (5) bid packets that were taken out by interested contractors.

The Emerson Road culvert has been in the designing stages. The Township asked the Lake County Stormwater Department to look at the culvert last week. There is some concern about the Lake County Engineers' Office plan to shrink the size of the culvert pipe. Mr. Brown said he is waiting to hear back from Allen Exley from the Lake County Engineers' Office. The Lake County Stormwater Department will be paying for this project. Mr. Gauntner said he would be concerned if a smaller pipe was installed for this project. Mr. Brown said Mr. Exley is out of the office for a week. He will be the unopposed Lake County Engineer candidate in this November election. Mr. Brown said the culvert will not be an easy fix.

Mr. Brown stated he applied to Senator Cirino's office for a two hundred eighty thousand dollar (\$280,000.00) grant for new restrooms at Tuttle Park. The Township would have to supply ten percent (10%). Mr. Brown said this was a last minute find, but he managed to get the application in on time. The Township should hear something back on this around June. Mr. Gauntner said the current restrooms were built in 1958 and are due to be replaced.

Mr. Brown said ODOT started the roadwork on the Route 20 widening & repaving project today. The westbound curb lane was closed so the road was down to one lane westbound. Mr. Brown said he talked to Traci Salkiewicz, Lake County Traffic Engineer, who advised him Middle Ridge Road will also be repaired this summer between Hubbard Road and Townline Road. Mr. Gauntner said residents will have to use Route 84 or Chapel Road to McMackin Road to Lockwood Road to Antioch Road as alternate routes to avoid the traffic jam on Route 20.

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Mr. Gauntner asked if the Resolution that was tabled at the last meeting could be discussed concerning the siding project at the Madison Township Service Department. Mr. Gauntner asked if anyone else expressed any interest in the project. Mr. Brown said this project will be funded with a Northern Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Grant. The State Legislature has recently given a seventy-five thousand-dollar (\$75,000.00) bid buffer to get projects done quickly. Mr. Brown said he would rather give the job to a local company who has done good work for the Township than to give it to another company who is not local and is not known by the Township. The Township also only received one bid on the Stanton Park Banquet Hall re-siding and Chapel/Pavilion Project last summer. That only bidder was Kingpin Construction, LLC of Madison Township. Mr. Anderson said he agrees with Mr. Brown.

Mr. Gauntner asked if Mr. Brown has had any conversations with the land owner of the former Burger King property about their plans for the vacant property on Route 20 now that the building has been removed. Mr. Gauntner said it would be a good time to remind them to start leveling the ground and planting grass seed so the property will look nice by summer. Mr. Brown stated he had not talked to them lately. Mr. Gauntner asked if Mr. Brown would reach out to them and see what their plans are for the future of that property. Mr. Brown said he would call them at their office in New Haven, Connecticut, to see what he can find out.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated the K-9 Police car came in this afternoon. Chief Hager said he would be glad to show the car to anyone who is interested in seeing it and the equipment installed after the Workshop Meeting. Officer Eric Sharp and his six-year-old German Shepherd "Sid" were also present. Chief Hager stated Sid is already insured and ready to go.

LEGAL:

Solicitor, Mr. Pasqualone, stated he had nothing for the Workshop Meeting but would need an Executive Session during the Regular Meeting.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Service Department Supervisor, Mr. Cook, was absent with a prior commitment.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, stated she had nothing for the Workshop Meeting.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, stated he also had nothing to report.

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' Workshop Meeting at 6:45 P.M.


Max Anderson, Jr., Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer