

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

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

Held March 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. 20

Chairman Wayman called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of March 28, 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, Lieutenant Kirk, 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 have passed away since our last meeting and have been influential in our community. Please remember Madison residents' Mary Jane Paquin, Robert Schuster, Kenneth Wessollek, Joseph M. Gehring, Barbara Lee Irwin, and Jeannette Belfield. Mr. Anderson mentioned Bruce C. Gerred had also passed away, the brother-in-law of our Fiscal Officer, Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek. Mr. Gauntner stated Jeannette Belfield was a Madison School bus driver for years and used to pick up Mr. Gauntner's daughter when she was in elementary school. Mr. Gauntner said she was a great lady and will be missed. Mr. Gauntner said he also knew Joe Gehring for a long time. Mr. Gehring was a local insurance agent for many years. Mr. Gauntner said Mr. Gehring was a true American hero who completed thirty (30) missions over Europe in World War II flying his B-24 Bomber. Mr. Gehring received many medals for his bravery but was very unassuming. Mr. Gauntner said Mr. Gehring was heavily involved in the community and was one of the first members of the Zoning Commission back in the 1950's. Mr. Gauntner said he had the pleasure of playing golf with Mr. Gehring who was still playing into his nineties. Mr. Gehring was ninety-eight (98) years old when he passed and was a great guy and a great loss to the community. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated Mr. Gehring handled the insurance for the Madison Joint Recreation District years ago. Mr. Gauntner said he was reading some old minutes and discovered Mr. Gehring presented insurance costs to the Madison Township Board of Trustees back in 1953. Mr. Wayman stated it was a quite an accomplishment to fly so many successful bomber missions in World War II. Mr. Gehring was absolutely an American hero. Mr. Gauntner said he wanted to send his condolences to Mr. Gehring's wife, sons, Mike and Mark, and to the family.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Trustees' Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2023, and the Trustees' Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the minutes from the Trustees' March 14, 2023, Workshop Meeting and the March 14, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of sixty-six thousand, six hundred thirty-six dollars and forty-seven cents (\$66,636.47) (actual) for March 28, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of sixty-six thousand, six hundred thirty-six dollars and forty-seven cents (\$66,636.47) (actual) for March 28, 2023, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated there were three (3) large bills which accounted for half of the total bill figure. A payment was made to Brobst Tree Service for twelve thousand, three hundred dollars (\$12,300.00) for the removal of fifteen (15) trees and two (2) tree stumps. A payment was made to Demo Guys, Inc. for twelve thousand, seven hundred twenty dollars (12,720.00) for the Stanton Park Chapel/Pavilion Project, and a payment was made to Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for twelve thousand, eight hundred seventeen dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$12,817.38), seven thousand, four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$7,423.00) was for paving and five thousand, three hundred ninety-three dollars (\$5,393.00) was for the Administration Building roof.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred forty thousand, six hundred forty-six dollars and sixty-two cents (\$140,646.62) (actual) for

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March 24, 2023, and the payroll in the amount of one hundred five thousand, eight hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$105,852.37) (estimate) for April 7, 2023.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the payroll in the amount of one hundred forty thousand, six hundred forty-six dollars and sixty-two cents (\$140,646.62) (actual) for March 24, 2023. and the payroll in the amount of one hundred five thousand, eight hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$105,852.37) (estimate) for April 7, 2023, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

## TRUSTEES:

### RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-055**, A Resolution appointing Troy A. Hager as Chief-of-Police of the Madison Township Police Department, effective April 17, 2023. Mr. Wayman read part of the Resolution:

“WHEREAS, between the dates of February 21, 2023, and March 15, 2023, the Board of Township Trustees advertised a desire to replace retiring Chief-of-Police Matthew Byers, reviewed resumes, interviewed qualified candidates, and completed interviews; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2023, the Board of Trustees presented, and Troy A. Hager accepted the terms of employment, as detailed in *Offer of Employment*; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Township Trustees desire to name Troy A. Hager to the exempt position, as specified by ORC 505.49 (B)(1), of Madison Township Police Department Chief-of-Police.”

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-055**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman stated Mr. Hager was an easy hire for the Board as he possesses the qualifications the Board was looking for in a Chief-of-Police. Mr. Hager has a great record, much experience, and is also a long-time Madison Township resident. Mr. Wayman welcomed Mr. Hager aboard. Mr. Anderson agreed with Mr. Wayman and said he is looking forward to working with Mr. Hager. Mr. Gauntner stated Mr. Hager checked all the boxes as far as qualifications and has experience with both Painesville City and Perry Village. Everyone is looking forward to working with him. Mr. Wayman asked Mr. Hager if he would like to say a few words. Mr. Hager thanked the Trustees for taking him on and giving him the opportunity to use his knowledge and experience. Mr. Hager said he does have a lot of experience but still thinks he has a lot to offer. Mr. Hager stated he knows the Madison Township Police Department and even trained Chief Byers when he was in the Police Academy. Mr. Hager said four of his children graduated from Madison High School and the fifth one is soon to graduate so he is invested in the Madison community. Mr. Hager said he wants to see this through and be the next stepping stone for this agency. Mr. Hager thanked the Trustees again and offered to meet anyone who wants to after the meeting.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-056**, A Resolution declaring April, 2023, as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-056**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman turned the Meeting over to Mr. Gauntner who wants to give everyone a little background on a few items. Mr. Wayman said Lake County Commissioner (John) Hamercheck is also here tonight to say a few words.

Mr. Gauntner stated as a follow-up to a subject which was discussed last fall at Township Meetings regarding the Ford Road Bridge Replacement and Ford Road closure, residents asked when the bridge was going to be repaired and were advised Ford Road is a Lake County maintained road. Mr. Gauntner said the Ford Road issue was discussed at the Lake County Commissioners' Meeting last week, and it does not look like the issue will be resolved anytime soon. It is a very involved project. Environmental issues, soil issues, Army Corps

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of Engineers issues, headwall issues, and many other issues have to be considered. Designing, bidding, and the actual construction has not even started. Mr. Gauntner said he was concerned so he talked to Commissioner Hamercheck about it. Mr. Gauntner said Commissioner Hamercheck went to bat for the residents of Madison Township at the Commissioners' Meeting trying to get his colleagues to come up with some additional money not only for the Ford Road Bridge but the Paine Road and Williams Road Bridge Projects in Leroy Township. Mr. Gauntner stated the Paine Road Bridge is closed. The Williams Road bridge is on a day-to-day basis and could fail at any time. In today's County Budget Meeting, County Engineer, Jim Gills, told the County Commissioners he needs 9.6 million dollars to just address the projects that need to be done today. Mr. Gills said within the next twenty-four (24) months the Blair Road Retaining Wall has to be addressed which is a 2.5-million-dollar project. Mr. Gauntner said the Ford Road bridge replacement will be another 2.5-million-dollar project. The County Engineer does not get property tax dollars just gasoline and license plate tax dollars. With more and more electric cars on the road, the gasoline tax fund is depleting. A recent article in the Ohio Township Association Magazine stated the state is trying to figure out how to make up the depletion in gasoline and license plate taxes. Mr. Gauntner said he is in support of the wineries in this community which are a vital part of this community. There were discussions in a recent County Commissioners Meeting about a proposed "Grand River Valley" archway to be built on Route 528 along with destination signs in various locations. Commissioner (John) Plecnik has pledged two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) in excess title funds from the Clerk of Courts to the Visitors' Bureau to build the archway and destination signage. Mr. Gauntner said he is for the wineries but where are our priorities? Mr. Gauntner said there are public safety issues to consider before building an archway. Mr. Gauntner said he talked to Fire Chief Tod Baker whose mom lives in the last house on Ford Road in Madison Township, and she recently had a medical emergency. Chief Baker called 911. Perry and Leroy Fire Departments could get there first due to a fire in Concord Township, and they were not available. Madison had to respond, and it took them forever to get there. Luckily Chief Baker's Mom was okay. Mr. Gauntner said this is what concerns him. Public safety is the responsibility of the Township. The wineries are great, but you have to be able to get to them on safe roads.

Mr. Wayman stated "safety trumps everything in his book."

Mr. Anderson stated he recently read about the origin of the Grand River Valley, and would like to see the proposed archway on Route 528 become a reality. However, the safety of our residents must come first. Mr. Anderson said the Grand River Valley was established on October 21, 1983, by Mr. Anthony (Tony) Debevec, President of Chalet Debonne Vineyards, Inc. in Madison who petitioned for this on April 4, 1983. The Grand River Valley is an American Viticulture Area (AVA) spread across portions of Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties. Mr. Anderson said the wineries in Madison were instrumental in getting two (2) hotels and gas stations here in Madison. Mr. Anderson stated, at some point, he would like to honor Chalet Debonne Vineyards with a certificate for forty (40) years of dedication to the community. Mr. Anderson stated Chalet Debonne Vineyards paved the way for the other fine wineries we have today. Also, if the proposed archway is built, it should say "Madison" on it, not Madison Village. This being said, the Township must consider the safety of our residents first. Traffic is already congested with the installation of new sewer lines on Hubbard Road by Immaculate Conception Church and road projects beginning on Route 20. Bridges and roads are closed, and the proposed light on Route 528 coming off I-90 has yet to be installed. Mr. Anderson said he is for the wineries but residents need to be able to travel our roads safely.

Mr. Gauntner stated safety is an important issue, and the Township must send a strong message to the Lake County Commissioners. Mr. Gauntner said he thought it was a good idea to increase the sales tax because much of the money comes into Lake County from outside the county. Mr. Anderson said raising the sales tax would help. Mr. Gauntner said the Lake County Commissioners have their hands full with these issues. Mr. Gauntner welcomed Commissioner Hamercheck up to the podium. Mr. Gauntner said he appreciated Commissioner Hamercheck coming to tonight's meeting and going to bat for the residents of Madison Township.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Trustees for their generosity, and said, although he serves as the President of the Lake County Commissioners, he is here tonight as an individual

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Commissioner and not necessarily representing the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hamercheck said this is an extraordinary opportunity, and he is here to ask for help. Commissioner Hamercheck stated "We are in a crisis!" Lake County roads and bridges are in serious need of repair. Commissioner Hamercheck said anyone who is not aware of this has not been reading the annual Road & Bridge Reports which rate road and bridge conditions in Lake County. Updates come from the Engineers' Office continuously, as do updates for road closures. Commissioner Hamercheck stated Lake County has an Emergency Management Agency who is tasked with the responsibility of knowing inventory of roads, bridges, and the conditions so that at any moment they can work with a central dispatch to make sure they coordinate with local law enforcement and other safety forces. Commissioner Hamercheck stated we now have an opportunity to address nine million, six hundred thirty-two thousand, three hundred dollars (\$9,632,300.00) worth of immediate needs. Ignoring them, and denying their existence is unacceptable and does not make the problem go away. Commissioner Hamercheck said his motivation for coming to the Meeting tonight came from a simple comment when asked about funding this issue. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Mr. Gauntner if he saw or heard the words "Hell No" from his colleagues during the Commissioners' Budget Meeting today. Mr. Gauntner said he did hear the comment and was a little disturbed by that. Commissioner Hamercheck stated in all his years as a public employee and now elected official, he has never heard such an outburst, ever. Rhetoric has taken hold of Lake County. Commissioner Hamercheck asked the Trustees to please come to the Lake County Commissioners' Meetings, send some communications, try to talk some sense to Commissioner Hamercheck's colleagues. Commissioner Hamercheck stated "I need your help!" Commissioner Hamercheck shared with the Trustees a copy of the Lake County Engineer Projects for 2023. Construction and Professional Services in the amount of sixteen million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$16,900,000.00) which will require a match for many of those projects. Commissioner Hamercheck said the Engineer does not have the matching funds. It was suggested to not just give the money but to bond it. Commissioner Hamercheck said you cannot bond what you cannot pay. This is a lifesaving issue which Commissioner Hamercheck stated at the Commissioners' Budget Meeting was like "playing Russian Roulette with peoples' lives". This is serious. Each of you have served or worked close with safety forces. Commissioner Hamercheck said Mr. Anderson served for years as an officer with distinction. You can appreciate how bad it is when you cannot get to someone who is in need. This is where we are at. Commissioner Hamercheck said he is disappointed.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated he is in no way disparaging or clouding any motivation regarding the Lake County Visitors' Bureau who are fine and honorable people trying to do their best but are being manipulated and pushed into a project that cannot be built. Route 528 is a state route governed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and controlled by the Uniform Code of Traffic Control Devices. Commissioner Hamercheck said he believes the numbers being allocated are twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for engineering, four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00) for construction, and fifteen thousand (15,000.00) for signage. This is a serious situation. Commissioner Hamercheck stated he is in no way saying anything negative about the Lake County Visitors' Bureau, but he does not know where the priorities are with his colleagues. Commissioner Hamercheck said his priority is with the safety of the people.

Commissioner Hamercheck shared a letter he received from the Fire Chief of the Perry Joint Fire District regarding the road closures on Ford Road and Paine Road in which it states it is imperative for the safety of residents to have these roads repaired. Safety forces are stretched, as is staffing and equipment, and now road closures add another burden. This is a formula for disaster. Commissioner Hamercheck said he does not know how to convince his colleagues to take this matter seriously. He can state with certainty that the money is there. Not enough money to do everything that is being asked for, but Commissioner Hamercheck said his priority is life safety.

Mr. Gauntner stated Mr. Gills, in the Budget Meeting with the Commissioner, said he has sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000.00) in needs and 9.6 million dollars in needs right now. Mr. Gills could use the two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) the proposed amount needed for the Grand River Valley Archway to start the engineering for the Ford Road Bridge. It is a priority issue. If you want to promote the wineries, you must be able to get down the road to get to the wineries. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, who lives on Ford Road, stated it is difficult for the school buses and snow plow drivers to get down Ford Road.

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Children from one end of Ford Road have to be put on another bus at the other end of Ford Road. There are many safety issues there.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated interest income from Lake County's investments go into the General Fund and are unbudgeted. A previous precedent was set years ago. The County set up a 1.5 million-dollar (\$1,500,000.00) Grant Program for infrastructure for local communities to utilize as needed. Those dollars are used wisely and effectively. Commissioner Hamercheck stated there is a least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in the Lake County Economic Development Fund. The moneys are there. Anyone saying this is not true is either seriously misguided or making a false statement. Commissioner Hamercheck asked again for help by please coming to the Commissioner meetings. The next Lake County Commissioners' Meeting is Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 A.M. There are two (2) public portions, one before the meeting and one after the meeting. "We need help." Commissioner Hamercheck stated Lake County Engineer, Jim Gills, made a strong and convincing case. Mr. Gauntner stated Mr. Gills made his point very well today at the Budget Hearing. Mr. Gauntner said when he heard one of the Commissioners say, when someone asks for ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) he says "Hell No", he was shocked. The meeting can be watched on "You Tube" by going to Lake County Commissioners' Meeting for March 28, 2023 (about fifty (50) minutes into the meeting) you can hear this commissioner "Hell No" statement. Mr. Gauntner said he worked for twenty-one (21) years for the Lake County Commissioners with seven (7) different Commissioners, and he understands the county budgetary process very well. Lake County needs a new jail which is another safety issue. Mr. Gauntner stated he has never heard a commissioner make a public statement such as that in a meeting. Commissioner Hamercheck said Sheriff Leonbruno has a very realistic perspective on the funding of the jail. He understands Lake County cannot build a new jail without revenue enhancement and has stated he will not accept gutting every other department and neglecting the needs of the County in order to obtain a new jail. Sheriff Leonbruno is an honorable man and understands the needs of the County. Commissioner Hamercheck stated Lake County will continue to research every option.

Regarding a different matter, Commissioner Hamercheck said for years he has been searching for "Exhibit A" under the "Local Government Alternative Formula". Mr. Gauntner pulled out a crinkled-up, sun-faded old folder and found the Exhibit for Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Gauntner, and after reading only up to the third paragraph, said "We have a problem. Stay tuned. I think we have a solution." Mr. Gauntner said he is looking forward to that.

Mr. Brown stated looking back at the flood of 2006, which we all lived through, will show you how bridges may impact the winery business. Mr. Gauntner said the bridge on Doty Road failed, and he was working as Lake County Administrator at the time. It took a year and a half to build a new bridge on Doty Road. Mr. Gauntner also remembered the creek overflowing on Ford Road which resulted in a family losing part of their house and ended up having to be rescued from a tree. Bridges are not built overnight so it is important to get the ball rolling as soon as possible.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Trustees for inviting him to the Meeting. The Trustees thanked Commission Hamercheck for coming tonight. Mr. Gauntner said he will be at the Lake County Commissioners' Meeting on Thursday morning and Fire Chief Baker would also like to attend to address Fire District issues. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek lives on Ford Road and may also attend.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Lieutenant Kirk, Acting Chief, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-057**, A Resolution to hire Justin Hammond s a full-time Police Officer for the Madison Township Police Department effective April 10, 2023, at a rate of \$36.46 per hour with benefits and serving a one (1) year probationary period.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-057**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

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Mr. Pasqualone stated he knows Captain Hammond personally and has worked with him quite closely with Geneva City Police, and he is a good one. Madison Township is lucky to have him come aboard, and Geneva is unfortunately losing another officer. Mr. Pasqualone stated Capital Hammond is actually a Captain in Geneva but likes the idea of going back to patrol. Captain Hammond worked for the Sheriff's Department for Ashtabula County before coming to Geneva. Lieutenant Kirk stated he helped train the new Geneva Police Chief and has a lot of work so he is trying to scale it back somewhat. Mr. Anderson said he is a good officer and will be good for the Madison Township Police Department.

## LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated he had nothing to report as he is still waiting on a case decision (C4). He will advise the Trustees just as soon as he hears anything.

## FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, reported appropriations for the General Fund is at 20.67%, Road & Bridge is at 11.6%, and Police Department is at 20.22%. Overall, appropriations for the first quarter is at 17%. Mr. Wayman said that sounds pretty good to him.

## ZONING:

Assistant Zoning Inspector, Chris Bernard, stated he finished the Riparian Set Backs Map and wondered if anyone had any questions. Mr. Bernard said he created a PDF, put it on the website, and incorporated the layers into the GIS System so it is good to go. Mr. Gauntner said it is so good to have Mr. Bernard back. The Riparian Set Back map is something the Township has needed, and we finally got it done. Mr. Gauntner thanked Mr. Bernard.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, stated he had nothing to report unless the Trustees had any questions. Mr. Wayman asked how things were going in the Service Department and if the Service Department had a lot of salt left because of our mild winter. Mr. Cook stated the Township has a lot of salt left but still have to fulfill the annual ODOT contract yet. Mr. Anderson asked when the 2023 Chipper & Yard Waste Program will be starting. Mr. Cook said the first date is Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mr. Gauntner thanked Mr. Cook for taking care of an issue and question with a resident yesterday. It was much appreciated by the resident.

## ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-058**, A Resolution to enter into an Agreement with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, at a total cost of three hundred sixty-two thousand, nine hundred twenty-four dollars, and twenty-two cents (\$362,924.22), for the resurfacing of Roe Boulevard and Hazel Avenue.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-058**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown stated he wanted to thank the Lake County Commissioners for helping with Community Development Block Grant funds to help the Township resurface Roe Boulevard and Hazel Avenue, especially the Commissioner here tonight. Mr. Anderson asked Commissioner Hamercheck to pass the thank you on to the other Commissioners.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-059**, A Resolution to hire Mr. Marvin Christian as a seasonal stormwater operator in the Service Department at the rate of twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) per hour, with no benefits, effective April 11, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-059**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Christian does the Township's off-road ditching work. Mr. Wayman stated Mr. Christian does an excellent job. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Brown said with Commissioner Hamercheck in the audience, he would like to thank Mr. Tim Miller,

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Director of the Lake County Stormwater Management Department, for quite a bit of funding and fantastic cooperation. Hiring Mr. Christian is made possible because of the program they fund the Township. Mr. Gauntner said Mr. Miller is a great asset for us. The forty-two-dollar (\$42.00) stormwater charge on the property tax statement is well worth the great job the Stormwater Department does for the community. It is appreciated very much.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-060**, A Resolution to hire Jacob G. Laurie as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-060**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-061**, A Resolution to hire Andrew Bernard as a seasonal employee of the Service Department, at a rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour with no benefits, effective May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-061**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #23-062**, A Resolution entering into an Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, at a cost not to exceed twenty-seven thousand, six hundred dollars (\$27,600.00) to provide construction management for Madison Township's 2023 Road Program.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #23-062**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown stated twenty-seven thousand, six hundred dollars (\$27,600.00) may seem like a lot for just construction and engineering for the project but it is just 7.6% of the project cost which is a good rate from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. because most engineering firms run between 10% to 14% for similar work.

Mr. Brown stated the Trustees would find a copy of the 2023 Chipper & Yard Waste Schedule in their packet of information for tonight's meeting. The first date scheduled is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brown asks if the Trustees had any comments or questions in regard to the schedule. Mr. Gauntner stated the Township will no longer accept loose yard waste. All yard waste must be in brown paper yard waste bags.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the 2023 Chipper & Yard Waste Schedule with the correction made that the Township will no longer accept loose yard waste but must be placed in brown paper bags, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Brint Learned of the Rabbit Run Community Arts Association (RRAA) has requested a letter of support regarding grant funding in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) from the Lake County Visitors' Bureau for the construction of a new catwalk at the theater to replace and upgrade the old catwalk. Mr. Brown said he drafted a letter to Mr. Neil Stein, Executive Director of the Lake County Visitors' Bureau, fully supporting the Rabbit Run Arts Association's efforts to secure any and all available funding for the construction of a catwalk to be erected at the Rabbit Run Theater. Mr. Brown stated safety of employees, visitors, and volunteers are of the upmost importance to the Board of Trustees and any improvements sought by the RRAA in the name of safety are deemed to be worthy of any available grants. Mr. Brown wanted to make sure the Trustees were okay with sending the letter. Mr. Wayman said he was okay with it as the catwalk does need to be replaced. Mr. Anderson said he also was okay with it and has a membership every year. Mr. Gauntner stated he is okay with the letter of support.

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Mr. Wayman asked how the old Chapel conversion to a pavilion was coming along at Stanton Park. Mr. Brown said it is going very well. The last major item was the columns

were bowing after the braces were removed. The plan is to build it up. Stone caps have been placed over all the old window sill openings. The Township is very close to having the pavilion completed and open soon. Picnic tables will be added. Mr. Wayman asked if the tables will be chained. Mr. Cook said no, if anyone can pick the tables up, then they can move them.

### OTHER:

Mr. Gauntner gave a brief update on the last Fire Board Meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gauntner stated instead of the regular monthly meeting being at Fire Station #3, everyone met at Fire Station #2, and Fire Chief Baker gave everyone a tour of the recent upgrades made to the building. A sleeping dormitory was added to the building, and the kitchen was redone making it bigger with a place to eat. Everything looked nice. The new jet ski recently purchased was discussed and will be used as soon as the lake warms up. Mr. Gauntner said it was a fast-uneventful meeting. The main purpose of the March meeting was to allow the Fire Board members to see the renovations made to Fire Station #2. Mr. Gauntner stated Fire Chief Baker would like to convert the large storage garage at the rear of the property into a workout room for the firefighters and will present the cost at next month's Fire Board Meeting. Chief Baker would like Fire Station #2 to have everything that Fire Station #3 has so they are both equal for the staff. Mr. Anderson stated the garage is very cold in the winter and will need to be insulated, but a workout room is a great idea for the firefighters and well deserved.

Mr. Wayman reminded everyone the Administrative Offices will be closing at 12:00 P.M., noon, on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

Mr. Wayman stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be April 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. with the Trustees' Workshop Meeting preceding at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Wayman stated Mr. Anderson just had a knee replacement one week ago which is a very invasive surgery. Mr. Wayman said he has had two (2) knee replacements so he knows the process. Mr. Anderson stated this is his second knee replacement also. Mr. Wayman stated he thinks Mr. Anderson's attendance is a testament to his dedication to the Township. Mr. Anderson said he did not want to be disrespectful to anyone, but he had to get up and down occasionally from his chair during the meeting because of the stiffness in his knee.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to convene into Executive Session in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G (1): to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. In particular Police Officer(s)

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Gauntner asked Lieutenant Kirk if the Executive Session was to discuss a personnel potential discipline issue in the Police Department. Lieutenant Kirk said yes.

The Trustees invited newly appointed Police Chief Mr. Hager in the audience to join them in Executive Session as it pertained to a Police Department issue.

Mr. Wayman convened into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.



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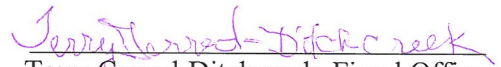
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Mr. Wayman reconvened the Meeting at 8:23 P.M. and asked if there was any other business. With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wayman requested a motion to adjourn the Meeting.

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

Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 8:24 P.M.

  
Peter V. Wayman, Chairman

  
Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer

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