

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Minutes of

Meeting

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

February 22, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the February 22, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting to order at 12:02 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. Wayman, Mr. Anderson, Chief Hager, and Mr. Brown were in attendance. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek was absent with a prior commitment. Mr. Wayman will serve as Fiscal Officer Pro-Tempore this afternoon.

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

Mr. Anderson stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to remember family, friends, neighbors, and members of the military and safety forces who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents, Ralph Spaulding, Donna Walker, Mary Zizelman, and William Holl.

Mr. Gauntner stated for the first time since he has been a member on the Board, he knows all four (4) names on the list. Mr. Gauntner said Mary Zizelman was his next-door neighbor who lost her husband back in September. She was a very nice lady. Mr. Spaulding was a teacher back when Mr. Gauntner was in school. Mrs. Walker was also a teacher at Redbird Elementary who worked with his wife, and he went to high school with her daughter. Mr. Gauntner said he also went to high school with Mr. Holl. Mr. Gauntner said it is sad to see all four (4) of them have passed away.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting and the February 13, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting and the February 13, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of two hundred twenty-five thousand, seven hundred ninety dollars and fifty-six cents (\$225,790.56) (actual) for February 22, 2024.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of two hundred twenty-five thousand, seven hundred ninety dollars and fifty-six cents (\$225,790.56) (actual) for February 22, 2024, attached to and made part of these Minutes, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, three hundred twenty-four dollars and seventy-four cents (\$109,324.74) (actual) for February 23, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred eight thousand, three hundred ninety-one dollars and sixteen cents (\$108,391.16) (estimate) for March 8, 2024.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred nine thousand, three hundred twenty-four dollars and seventy-four cents (\$109,324.74) (actual) for February 23, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred eight thousand, three hundred ninety-one dollars and sixteen cents (\$108,391.16) (estimate) for March 8, 2024, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

TRUSTEES:

The Trustees had nothing to report at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager, Police Chief, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24- 037, A Resolution** to enter into an employment contract with Madison Township Police Officer Eric Sharpe as a K-9 handler from February 22, 2024, until termination as agreed upon under the terms contained in the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-037**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Pasqualone prepared this agreement and Resolution for the Township Police Department.

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Chief Hager asked if the Board would like to swear the dog in and have a little ceremony for him. Chief Hager said when he was at Perry Village P.D., they would swear the dog in, but at Painesville P.D., they do not. Mr. Anderson said he would be willing to swear the dog in if something was prepared for him ahead of time.

Chief Hager stated just before the meeting, he received a phone call from an attorney in Painesville on behalf of a resident who lives in Madison Township. The resident wanted to know if the Township would allow golf cart registration and driving in Madison Township and also something about using a regular license plate to register the golf cart. Chief Hager said he left the attorney a message that this issue happened before he started working here, and he would check with the Board and find out the history on the issue. Mr. Gauntner said the Township has kicked this issue around for a couple years now. The first issue is the Board of Township Trustees only have statutory authority to approve golf carts on Township roads per Ohio Revised Code. Therefore, Lake County roads like Hubbard Road, Chapel Road, Bennett Road, Lake Road, etc. the Trustees have no statutory authority to allow golf carts to be driven on. The second issue is safety. Golf cart accidents are usually caused by impaired drivers with the person driving the cart being impaired or someone impaired hitting the golf cart. Mr. Brown stated there is research that was done by a physician from a Children's Hospital in Columbus who discovered that riding in golf carts increase the chances for children to be harmed. Mr. Gauntner stated he had some information in his office regarding golf cart accidents he could share with Chief Hager. Mr. Gauntner said a gentleman attended a Trustees Workshop Meeting two (2) years ago with a petition signed by some residents wanting the Trustees to allow golf carts on all the roads in the Township. The Board explained to him the results of their research compiled on the subject. The Board informed him that our position regarding golf carts would not be changed. The gentleman left the meeting without giving the petitions to the Trustees. Mr. Gauntner said he would not vote for allowing golf carts on roads in the township as long as he is on the Board. Chief Hager stated another problem is the twenty-five (25) mile an hour speed limit for golf carts. Mr. Gauntner said golf carts would also have to be equipped with turning signals, headlights, horn, and seat belts. Chief Hager said he would advise the attorney who called him the Boards' feelings on the matter. Chief Hager said he agrees with the Board concerning the safety issues. The Police Department has enough worries without adding more.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, was absent with a prior commitment.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek was absent with a prior commitment.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-038**, A Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to proceed with the abatement of the excessive refuse at 2833 Hubbard Road.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-038**, seconded by Mr. Wayman.
Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner asked the location of the excessive refuse. Mr. Ungers stated the excessive refuse is on Hubbard Road across from Immaculate Conception Church. The rubbish bags have been sitting there since early fall. Mr. Ungers said he allowed the property owner additional time to remove the refuse but has had no contact from the property owner. It is time to get this matter cleaned up.

Mr. Ungers mentioned the contract with Canter Lawn Service will expire in April. Mr. Ungers said he is pleased with Canter Lawn Service and would like to know if the Board would want to renew the contract. Mr. Ungers said Canter Lawn Service is reliable, and they do good work. He is comfortable working with them. Mr. Anderson said as long as Mr. Ungers is happy with Canter Lawn Service, he has no problem with renewing their contract. Mr. Wayman agreed. Mr. Gauntner said Demetrius Shaw reached out to Mr. Ungers also. Mr. Gauntner said the Township should get a quote from both Canter Lawn Service and Demetrius Shaw so the charges could be compared.

Mr. Brown stated he would have the Service Department grab the rubbish bags on Hubbard Road which will be faster and will clean up the area much sooner.

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Cook, Service Department Supervisor, said Mr. Brown has a plan from the contractor for West Loveland Road to repair the failing road culvert and headwall, weather permitting. Mr. Gauntner asked if the culvert would be lined or replaced. Mr. Cook said the culvert would be sleeved, and the crossover pipe will be reduced from twelve inches (12") to ten inches (10"). Mr. Gauntner asked if the ten-inch (10") pipe will handle the water volume. Mr. Cook said yes.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, advised the Board the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will have an online precon meeting on Monday, February 26th, at 1:00 P. M., to go over the start of the widening project on Route 20. ODOT will start resurfacing Route 20 this year between Hubbard Road and Townline Road. ODOT calls this the Major Rehab Project. Mr. Wayman said he thought ODOT was starting on the west end of Route 20. Mr. Brown stated ODOT changed their plans several years ago and will start at Route 528.

Mr. Brown said last night he presented to the Township Comprehensive Plan Committee the location of Township parks. Mr. Brown stated the Township has had a theme over the years of taking on a lot more than we should in the parks. Since becoming Administrator, Mr. Brown has been decreasing the amount of Township responsibility by removing buildings at Stanton Park and Tuttle Park, getting rid of proposed park land on McMackin Road, and selling off the Unionville Community Center. Mr. Gauntner stated removing many of the buildings at Stanton Park were a recommendation from Paul Palagyi, Executive Director of Lake Metroparks. He recommended making Stanton Park more like a park instead of a camp like it once was. Mr. Brown said Paul did a survey of visitors to the Metroparks and the two (2) things the public wants in a park are cleanliness and safety.

Mr. Brown said he met this morning with North Perry, Perry Village, and Perry Township elected officials and updated them on the Local Government Fund (LGF) formula process. Mr. Gauntner also attended the meeting with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown stated he would meet with Madison Village Mayor Britton, and Dwayne Bailey, Madison Village Administrator, next week to bring them up to date with the proposed new LGF formula. Mr. Brown also met with Trustee Heather Shelton from Leroy on the 19th to discuss the proposed LGF formula.

Mr. Brown advised the Board the Madison & Perry Townships 2024 Road Paving Program went out to bid on February 21st. Bids will be received until March 13th at 11:00 A. M. Mr. Brown said bids should start coming in soon.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-039**, A Resolution accepting the informal quote from Star Excavating, Inc. of Madison, Ohio, for the excavation and replenishment of sand into Lake Erie's Littoral Drift System for 2024 and 2025 at Madison Township Park Beach, located at 6749 Lake Road, Madison, Ohio, 44057.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-039**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown stated the cost of the sand bypass project at Madison Township Park beach has doubled since starting in 2013. Mr. Gauntner said "It is the cost of doing business". If we did not put the large rocks in Lake Erie, Madison Township would have no beach there.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-040**, 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. Brown stated he has had some discussions with the Trustees individually regarding this Resolution. If the Board wants to discuss this further, we can table this Resolution and discuss it further individually.

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

OTHER:

Mr. Wayman gave an update on the Fire Board Meeting last evening. Mr. Wayman said the meeting was very productive, and the real treat was viewing the brand new six hundred thousand-dollar (\$600,000.00) fire truck. The truck will be put in service real soon after a few things have been added. Mr. Wayman said the Fire District will be getting rid of one of the older fire trucks. Mr. Gauntner said people do not realize how expensive fire trucks are to purchase. The truck is beautiful and has been on order for almost two years now. Former Fire Chief Tod Baker advised the Fire Board that it would take that long to have a new fire truck built and delivered. Mr. Gauntner stated when his father was a Township Trustee back in the 1960's, a new fire truck cost twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000.00). Now it is six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) for a new fire truck.

Mr. Gauntner stated a large portion of the Lake County Township Association Meeting on February 15th dealt with the Local Government Fund formula process which Mr. Brown has been very involved with and is doing a great job. Lake County Auditor, Chris Galloway, also attended that meeting and gave a warning that Lake County anticipates an increase in property values of thirty percent (30%) in the upcoming sexennial update of Lake County properties. This does not mean everyone's property taxes will go up thirty percent (30%) because we are only taxed at thirty-five percent (35%) of the value of our property. Mr. Gauntner said it will be very interesting to see next year's tax bills when they come out.

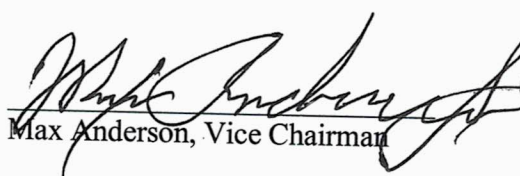
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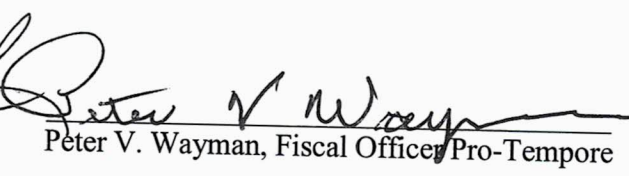
None

Mr. Anderson said the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 P. M. with the Workshop Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 12:34 P.M.


Max Anderson, Vice Chairman


Peter V. Wayman, Fiscal Officer Pro-Tempore