

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

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

January 9, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of January 9, 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. Wayman, Mr. Anderson, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

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 Sheila Hopkins, Ellen Corona, Claudia Magyar, Jonnie Elliot, Charles Widlits, Shirley Huffman, Richard Molchen, and the Mayor of The City of Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley. Mr. Anderson yielded the floor to Mr. Gauntner for the final name on the list, Mr. Alan Van-Kramer. Mr. Gauntner stated that the fire district lost Lieutenant Van-Kramer this past week. Mr. Gauntner added that Mr. Van-Kramer was a 35-year veteran of the fire district and was very well liked. Mr. Gauntner stated that the funeral service will be this Friday and added that it's going to be a huge loss for the department. Mr. Wayman wanted to second the kind words of Mr. Gauntner and added Mr. Van-Kramer was only 55 years old and is gone way to soon. Mr. Wayman also wanted to comment on Mr. Charles Widlits. Mr. Wayman stated that he had known Mr. Widlits and his whole family for many years, and he will be missed. Mr. Gauntner added that he remembered playing softball on Mr. Widlits I.C.C. Softball team when he was a youth. Mr. Wayman and Mr. Gauntner were team mates on Mr. Widlits softball team way back in 1968. Mr. Gauntner also wanted to mention Shelia Hopkins. He stated that he had known Ms. Hopkins since grade school, and he was sad to see that she passed away. Mr. Anderson wanted to add that Mr. Van-Kramer was a great fireman, person, and family man. He added that he had known and worked with Mr. Van-Kramer for many years.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2023, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauntner.

Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024, Trustees' Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024, Trustees' Organizational 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 \$47,322.39 for January 9, 2024.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of \$47,322.39 (actual) for January 9, 2024, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Gauntner.

Discussion: Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, stated that the list includes 2 large bills. One for \$28,843 for Medical Mutal Insurance and the second bill for \$9,000 is for the electric with First Energy.

Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

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Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$105,267.99 for January 12, 2024

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$105,267.99(actual) for January 12, 2024, seconded by Mr. Wayman.

Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

TRUSTEES:

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated in the month of December, 2023, the Madison Township Police Department had 948 calls for service. Chief Hager also wanted to highlight a few annual stats, that included tracking the accidents on Green Road in the area close to Wal-Mart. All of Chief Hager's stats are listed below.

Calls for Service	948	911	34
Administrative	19	Alarm	21
Animal Complaints	18	Arrest on Warrant	4
Assault with injury	1	Assault Report	1
Assist Fire Department	225	Assist Other	11
Assist Police	12	Business Check	58
Custody Dispute	3	Civil	9
Court	5	Community Policing	11
Disabled Vehicle	7	Disturbance	21
Damage Accident	20	Dead on Arrival	1
Drugs	1	Domestic Violence	2
Family Dispute	5	Fight	1
Fraud	3	Harassment	7
Phone Harassment	2	Hazard	8
House Check	1	Investigation/Follow-Up	33
Information	40	Injury Accident	4
Juvenile Complaint	6	Lockout	24
Mental Subject	3	Missing Person	1
Neighbor Complaint	2	Noise Complaint	3
Open Door/Window	2	Accident Pedestrian	1
Private Property Accident	7	Parking Violation	3
Property Damage	2	Property Found	9
Property Lost	1	Pumps	2
Repossession	1	Runaway	2
Security Check	51	Sex Offense	1

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Shots (Noise)	3	Shoplifting	10
Sick Call Off	5	Special Detail	9
School Resource Office	40	Streetlight Outage	1
Suicide Attempt	2	Suicide Threat	2
Suspicious Circumstance	47	Suspicious Person	7
Suspicious Vehicle	14	Test Call	6
Theft	12	Threat	7
TPO Violation	1	Traffic Stop	29
Trespassing	4	Traffic Complaint	18
Traffic Detail	1	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unwanted Subject	1	Vandalism	3
Vehicle Stolen	2	Welfare Check	14

Chief Hager stated the Madison Township Police Department had 13,192 Calls for Service for 2023.

Calls for Service	13,192	911	228
Abandoned Vehicle	13	Abuse	8
Administrative	173	Alarm	389
Animal Complaint	253	Arrest on Warrant	71
Assault with Injury	4	Assault Report	14
Assist PD/Fatality Crash	1	Assist Fire Department	2,562
Assist Other	156	Assist Police	158
Business Check	600	Burglary in Progress	5
Burglary Report	9	Custody Dispute	36
Bad checks	2	Civil	133
Court	67	Community Policing	425
Criminal Damaging	7	Disabled Vehicle	88
Juvenile Delinquent	2	Disturbance	238
Damage Accident	159	Dead on Arrival	22
Directed Patrol	3	Drugs	17
Domestic Violence	47	Escort	7
Family Dispute	46	Fight	15
Fraud	54	Fireworks Complaint	66
Harassment	78	Phone Harassment	20
Hazard	173	House Check	12
Hit & Run	30	Investigation/Follow-Up	520

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Information	557	Injury Accident	54
Injury Accident	1	Juvenile Complaint	92
Injury Accident	11	Lockout	300
Littering/Illegal Dumping	20	Miscellaneous	6
Mental Subject	1	Missing Person	14
Mischief - Criminal	53	Noise Complaint	145
Neighbor Complaint	15	Open Door/Window	8
Overdose	2	Private Property Accident	51
Accident Pedestrian	24	Prowler	1
Parking Violation	48	Property Found	62
Property Damage	27	Pumps	407
Property Lost	2	Rape	2
Range	31	Runaway	16
Repossession	587	Sex Offense	18
Security Check	1	Shots (Noise)	23
Shooting	49	Sick Call Off	68
Shoplifting	6	Special Detail	172
Soliciting Complaint	502	Streetlight Outage	1
School Resource Office	8	Suicide Attempt	12
Subpoena Served	34	Suspicious Circumstance	672
Suicide Threat	178	Suspicious Vehicle	169
Suspicious Person	92	Theft	123
Test Call	5	Theft from Vehicle	4
Identity Theft	63	TPO Violation	21
Threat	728	Training	77
Traffic Stop	16	Trespassing	36
Transport	307	Traffic Detail	56
Traffic Complaint	10	Unwanted Subject	29
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	21	Vehicle Recovered	4
Vandalism	11	Welfare Check	223
Vehicle Stolen	5		
Weapon Offense			

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MADISON TOWNSHIP POLICE REVIEW OF ANNUAL STATS COMPARISON OF 2021, 2022, AND 2023

Total Calls for service handled through our Dispatch by department:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u># OF CALLS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
MADISON TOWNSHIP	13,359	2021
MADISON VILLAGE	4,855	2021
MADISON TOWNSHIP	12,322	2022
MADISON VILLAGE	6,370	2022
MADISON TOWNSHIP	13,192	2023
MADISON VILLAGE	6,197	2023

Total Accidents handled through Madison Township PD only:

Accidents	270	2021
Private Property Accidents	83	2021
Accidents	271	2022
Private Property Accidents	75	2022
Accidents	246	2023
Private Property Accidents	51	2023

Total Domestic Violence and Disputes through Madison Township PD only:

131	2021
92	2022
93	2023

Total Responses for Burglary through Madison Township PD only:

12	2021
18	2022
14	2023

Chief Hager reported the motor vehicle accidents in the vicinity of Walmart.

Motor Vehicle Accidents Walmart at Green Road in 2023:

2300279	4/16/23
2300537	7/12/23
2300864	11/16/23

Motor Vehicle Accidents on Green Road in vicinity of Walmart but not directly related in 2023:

2300097	2/03/23
2300247	4/07/23
2300251	4/08/23
2300253	4/09/23
2300555	7/18/23
2300620	8/18/23

Motor Vehicle Accidents on Route 20 surrounding Green Road Intersection in 2023:

2300062	1/23/23
2300186	3/14/23
2300397	5/20/23
2300445	6/12/23
2300670	9/05/23
2300727	9/23/23
2300904	11/28/23
2300953	12/16/23

Mr. Gauntner added that the numbers shows that Madison Township Police Department is a busy department when they only have 18 full-time people, and they are handling 15,000 calls. Chief Hager added that the township utilizes 2 cars per shift and the village has 1 per shift to

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handle all the calls. To put it into perspective, Chief Hager stated that Painesville city usually has 5-6 cars on the road per shift and are only handling a few thousand more calls a year. Chief Hager feels the department is doing a great job.

Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-019**, Resolution to hire Michael Ranallo as a full-time police officer for the Madison Township Police Department effective January 17, 2024 at the rate of \$35.24 per hour with benefits and serving a one (1) year probationary period.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-019**, Resolution to hire Michael Ranallo as a full-time police officer for the Madison Township Police Department effective January 17, 2024 at the rate of \$35.24 per hour with benefits and serving a one (1) year probationary period. seconded by Mr. Gauntner

Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner wanted to add that he and Chief Hager were talking about the department's ability to hire and to keep good police officers with the current budget and what can be done to try and get, and more importantly keep our police officers. Mr. Gauntner would like to call a special meeting in the next month or so just to have a work session to discuss some ideas to bump the pay rate up so that the department can keep the officers here in Madison. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek agreed with Mr. Gauntner that at the current rate it is very difficult for Madison Township to compete with other communities. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek added that after a quick look at the numbers she felt they should be able to come up with something and she's encouraged by the possibility, as it is long overdue.

Mr. Gauntner made a motion for a Trustees Special Meeting for the purpose of a workshop to look over the police department budget on January 25, 2024 at 11:00am. Seconded by Mr. Wayman.

Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated that he had nothing for the meeting, but he will have something for the executive session.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, stated the first item she wanted to discuss was a liquor license transfer and wanted to know if the trustees would like to request a hearing. The license in question is currently at the Convenient Store on Hubbard Road and the owner would like to transfer it to the Convenient Store on the corner of Middle Ridge Road and Hubbard Road.

Mr. Gauntner made a motion stating that the trustees do not require a hearing for the transfer of the liquor license. Seconded by Mr. Wayman.

Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-020**, A Resolution listing Blanket Purchase Orders (PO's) for 2024 as listed on the attached document.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-020**, A Resolution listing Blanket Purchase Orders (PO's) for 2024 as listed on the attached document. seconded by Mr. Gauntner.

Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

ZONING:

Assistant Zoning Inspector, Mr. Bernard gave the December, 2023, Monthly Zoning Report:

- 6 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of \$915,400.00.

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- Zoning Permit and application fees collected totaled \$650.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in December.
The Board of Zoning Appeals met once in December.

10 Zoning Complaints:

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

164 calls were recorded

Mr. Bernard presented the 2023 End of year Zoning Report.

PERMITS

Total permits issued	151
Total Permit Fees Collected	\$21,520 – High Month – July Low Month – Nov.
Total Estimated Construction Costs Collected (Sheetz)	\$11,308,200 – High Month – Feb. Low Month – Nov.

BOARD ACTIVITY

BZA Meetings	10
Variances	8
Conditional Uses	1
Zoning Commission Meetings	13
Re-Zoning Requests	2
Text Amendment Request	1
Site Plan Reviews	3

COMPLAINTS HANDLED

Total	317 – High Month – May
Out of Compliance/Misc.	91
Excessive Refuse	87
High Grass	139
Total Calls	2,056 – High Month - August

Mr. Anderson wanted to thank everyone that was involved in getting the burned-out Burger King located on Route 20 by Hubbard Road completely removed.

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Mr. Bernard wanted to remind the board that the text amendments and map amendment that were approved last month will go into effect this Friday January 12, 2024. Mr. Bernard stated he planned to update the website reflecting these changes over the weekend.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, was absent from tonight's meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, stated he did not have anything for the meeting, but Chief Hager wanted to add one thing that he forgot during his time and Mr. Brown yielded the floor to Chief Hager. Chief Hager wanted the board to know that for the month of January, he plans to have his midnight officers make notes of the streetlights that are out throughout the township. They'll get these entered into the First Energy website for repair.

OTHER:

Mr. Anderson reminded everyone the Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

NONE

Mr. Gauntner wanted to thank Mr. Thomas Brass, who is in attendance, for agreeing to sit on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Brass will fill in for the unexpired term of Mr. Evan Francis.

Mr. Anderson stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. 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 v MT case.*

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:26 P.M., seconded by Mr. Wayman


Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:40 P.M. and with no further business requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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 7:40 P.M.


Max Anderson, Jr., Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer