

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP

Minutes of

Meeting

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

April 9, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Held

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Chairman Anderson called the April 9, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 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, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hamercheck and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Gauntner would like to mention the Ford Road Bridge at this time. Mr. Gauntner stated there are some issues that have come up regarding the Ford Road Bridge that he would like to discuss during the Regular Meeting this evening. Mr. Gauntner said the Ford Road situation may not be getting better. The situation may be getting worse due to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inc. getting involved with this issue. The issue will also affect the Emerson Road culvert replacement, as well. Mr. Gauntner stated the public needs to be made aware of the issue with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As of today, the Ford Road Bridge has been closed for 592 days. Mr. Gauntner said he would have a lot more information during the Regular Meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown stated he had a few updates for the Board tonight. Mr. Brown attended the April 5th Local Government Fund (LGF) Ad Hoc Meeting. There is a framework in place for a new formula to distribute money from the State to local government communities. A proposal will be sent out to all local governments to look over and approve or not approve sometime in May. Mr. Brown stated, if everything works out, the Township should be okay. The Auditor will have a meeting in May to go over the proposal, and the Board and Mr. Pasqualone are invited. Every elected official will probably be there and will be given an opportunity to speak. Mr. Gauntner stated there is also a Lake County Township Association Meeting on May 9th at 6:00 P.M. where there will be discussion on this issue.

Mr. Brown stated he attended a meeting with the Lake County Utilities Department and Barrington Consulting about a week and a half ago. There will be another meeting on May 1st or 2nd to lock up the informational meeting in early June. Mr. Brown said the tentative assessment from 2008 for this same project was two hundred thirty-one dollars and thirty-three cents (\$231.33) per linear foot. The current estimated assessment for 2024 is two hundred fifty-three dollars and seven cents (\$253.07) per linear foot. Mr. Brown said basically the Township is getting a new sanitary sewer system for just a little more than the 2008 price.

There was a construction meeting today with Geauga Highway Asphalt Paving Company regarding the road repaving program for this year. Hopefully, the road program can start in two (2) weeks. The Township will receive a schedule soon. Mr. Brown said the Township should start to see some movement on the 2024 Madison Township/Perry Township Road Program soon. Mr. Gauntner said some of the funds used for this repaving program are from an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant that was approved by the state in 2020. The State forgot to tell the Township it was awarded until recently.

Mr. Brown said there was a meeting on April 2nd with the Lake County Engineers' Office and Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) regarding the Emerson Road culvert replacement. The Township is waiting for a proposal from CEC to complete the design and permit work. There is going to be an issue with getting a permit through the Army Corps of Engineers for the Emerson Road culvert. This will be discussed further during the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Brown stated the Sheetz Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was filed with the County Auditor and should be on the way down to the State. Mr. Brown said Mr. Cook did all the paperwork for this with his guidance. This TIF was for the new Sheetz gas station at Green Road and Route 20.

The Stanton Park Trail Project should start next week. Asphaltting will begin on April 16th and should take three to four (3 - 4) days. Mr. Brown said the Township should have a walkable trail at Stanton Park in about three weeks. Mr. Gauntner mentioned that the driveway in front of the Madison Joint Recreation Building at Stanton Park has some bad bumps in that area. Mr. Brown said the Township is not going to resurface a portion of the playground parking lot, but the east drive apron will be paved and should fix those bad potholes.

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Mr. Brown said he was contacted by Olivia Farina, a teacher at Madison Middle School, who runs the Arthur Holden Leadership Institute for eighth (8th) graders. The 8th graders will be cleaning up Madison Township Park and beach on April 26th. This program gives students a three-year experience starting in the sixth (6th) grade that involves twice-monthly meetings and field trips where they learn about environmental and leadership issues. Mr. Brown stated he already has the signed permission slips from the parents and hold harmless waiver slips for the students.

Mr. Gauntner mentioned he recently received a Facebook Private Message from Cindy Girdler a Unionville resident. Cindy asked if the Township was aware of any grants available to fix sidewalks. The sidewalks on Route 84, Countyline, Southern and West Streets in Unionville were put in by the Township Trustees a long time ago back in 1938. It was done as a "Works Progress Administration" project known as WPA under President Roosevelt's administration. Mr. Gauntner asked how the Board felt about the request. Mr. Brown said the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would require that the Township maintain the sidewalks in the future once they are repaired or replaced by the Township. Mr. Brown stated the Board has not wanted to do that in the past. Mr. Brown said he would check into the situation with ODOT and report back to the Trustees.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated the temperature in the Dispatch Room needed to be regulated. The dispatchers were either running heaters or fans in that room. The new stand-alone air-conditioning unit recently installed just for the Dispatch Room is working well. Now the room is wonderful. The dispatchers come in and close the door and set the temperature for that room. It does not affect the other offices on the police side of the building.

Chief Hager requested an Executive Session after the Regular Meeting tonight to update the Board on the contract negotiations for the patrolmen. Chief Hager said there was to be one more meeting, but it is not needed as negotiations are pretty much completed.

LEGAL:

Solicitor, Mr. Pasqualone, stated he had nothing for the Workshop Meeting.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

Service Department Supervisor, Mr. Cook, was absent.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, stated she did not have anything.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers, had a few updates for the Board. Mr. Ungers said the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) has four (4) variance this week. The Zoning Commission (ZC) has an upcoming agenda of one (1) Rezone Request for a preliminary discussion from Heather Victor of James Place Properties who is looking to expand both east and west of James Place Trailer Park on Route 20. Mr. Ungers stated a potential Site Plan was also received from Dunkin Donuts who has gone back and forth for some time. Word is it might actually be happening soon. Mr. Gauntner asked what property Dunkin Donuts was thinking about. Mr. Ungers said the vacant land on the north side of Route 20 just west of Hubbard Road across from where the Burger King used to be. Mr. Gauntner said Dunkin Donuts was interested in that lot before the COVID-19 Pandemic hit in 2020. When the Pandemic hit, Dunkin Donuts backed off. Mr. Gauntner said he was glad to hear about Dunkin Donuts' interest in that property. Many residents have expressed a desire to see a Dunkin Donuts shop in Madison Township. Mr. Ungers said the Township is potentially dealing with numerous properties with junk vehicles that will probably require the next step. Some of these properties may have to be turned over to Mr. Pasqualone for further action in court.

OTHER:

Mr. Brown inquired if he should reach out to the Township's property maintenance service to get a quote for reseeding the former Burger King lot on Route 20. Mr. Gauntner said the lot will have to be leveled and some topsoil put down before it can be reseeded. The Township held back five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose from the insurance claim, and everyone was notified. Mr. Brown said he would get things going on this.

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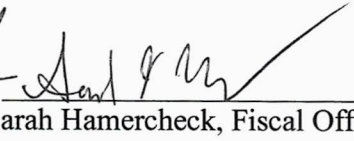
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Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Chairman Anderson adjourned the Trustees' Workshop Meeting at 6:47 P.M.


Max Anderson Jr., Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer