

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

February 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024, to order at 7:03 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 Leonard Ashburn, Carol McGee, Angela Close, and Abigail Lum.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024, Trustees' Special Meeting and the January 25, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024, Trustees' Special Meeting and the January 25, 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 one hundred sixty-eight thousand, five hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$168,529.45) (actual) for February 13, 2024.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred sixty-eight thousand, five hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$168,529.45) (actual) for February 13, 2024, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated the large bills were for Midway Trailer Sales LLC in the amount of fifteen thousand, one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$15,165.00), Barrington Consulting Group, Inc. in the amount of thirty-one thousand, eighty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$31,081.50) for the Route 20 Sewer Project, D. B. Bentley in the amount of eight thousand, one hundred fifteen dollars (\$8,115.00) for the Lakeview Drainage Project, Illuminating Company in the amount of eight thousand, nine hundred ninety-six dollars and seventy-two cents (\$8,996.72), and TAC Computer, Inc. in the amount of eighteen thousand, three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$18,375.00).

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred seven thousand, fifty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$107,057.58) (actual) for February 9, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred six thousand, one hundred sixty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$106,162.79) (estimate) for February 23, 2024.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred seven thousand, fifty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$107,057.58) (actual) for February 9, 2024, and payroll in the amount of one hundred six thousand, one hundred sixty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (estimate) for February 23, 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hager stated in the month of January, 2024, the Madison Township Police Department had 980 calls for service. The January report is in the Trustees Meeting folders.

Calls for Service	980	911	23
Administrative	13	Alarm	42

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Animal Complaint	14	Arrest on Warrant	4
Assault Report	2	Assist Fire Department	248
Assist Other	7	Assist Police	10
Business Check	48	Burglary in Progress	1
Custody Dispute	2	Civil	6
Court	7	Community Policing	5
Criminal Damaging	2	Disabled Vehicle	8
Disturbance	15	Damage Accident	10
Directed Patrol	3	Drugs	4
Domestic Violence	3	Family Dispute	2
Fight	2	Fraud	3
Harassment	5	Hazard	27
Hit & Run	2	Investigation/Follow-Up	40
Information	29	Injury Accident	4
Juvenile Complaint	10	Illegal Dumping	3
Lockout	31	Mental Subject	1
Miscellaneous	3	Neighbor Complaint	2
Noise Complaint	1	Overdose	1
Accident Pedestrian	1	Private Property Accident	2
Parking Violation	2	Property Damage	8
Property Found	2	Pumps	5
Range	1	Runaway	3
Security Check	58	Shots (Noise)	1
Shoplifting	5	Sick Call-Off	10
Special Detail	7	School Resource Office	50
Streetlight Outage	2	Subpoena Served	1
Suicide Attempt	1	Suspicious Circumstance	50
Suspicious Person	9	Suspicious Vehicle	11
Test Call	1	Theft	11
Theft from Vehicle	1	Threat	5
Traffic Stop	31	Training	3
Transport	1	Trespassing	2
Traffic Complaint	20	Unwanted Subject	4
Vandalism	2	Vehicle Recovered	1
Vehicle Stolen	1	Welfare Check	25

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Chief Hager requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-030**, A Resolution to enter into an agreement with Classic Chevrolet of Madison, Ohio, not to exceed the amount of fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000.00), for the purchase of two (2) 2024 Chevy Malibu LS Sedans, for use by the Madison Township Police Department.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-030**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Chief Hager said the cost of each Chevy Malibu was twenty-five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$25,500.00) which is close to State bid price. One car has already been located and Classic is trying to locate the other one.

Chief Hager stated his dispatch center is not separately air-conditioned from the rest of the police side of the building. One of his dispatchers told him the other day she may not be able to complete the rest of her shift as she was too hot. Chief Hager said the problem is the six or seven computers in the dispatch room makes the temperature really hot in that room. The air-conditioner was turned on for her, but the other rooms in the police department were freezing because it was only 32 degrees outside. Now everyone is running space heaters in their offices to stay warm. Chief Hager said he called Mr. Cook who had E. Dake Plumbing & Heating come out to look at the problem. To fix the problem, it will run between sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) to seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) to install a mini-split air conditioning system in the ceiling of the dispatch center. Chief Hager said he is using the same contractor the Township uses for the building which is E. Dake Plumbing & Heating. Mr. Gauntner asked if some of the NOPEC Grant money could be used for the repair. Mr. Brown stated the Trustees had talked about using the NOPEC funds for re-insulating and re-siding the Service Department garage. The Township saved some of the funds from last year to do that project which will cost about eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00). The Trustees had no problem with the air conditioning repair needed by the Police Department.

Chief Hager said it has come to his attention that a mailer is going around Madison Township from the U.S. Deputy Sheriff's Association requesting donations for bullet-proof vests for officers. Chief Hager said he does not know if this is a scam but he has never known of any police department getting any funds from this association. Chief Hager said you get a bumper sticker if you donate to them. Chief Hager said if anyone would like to donate \$50.00 just stop by the Police Department and he will give you a bumper sticker for a donation to the Madison Township Police Department. Chief Hager noted the State of Ohio gives out grants for departments to purchase bullet-proof vests.

LEGAL:

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated what he has for tonight will be discussed in Executive Session.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, stated she had nothing to report tonight.

ZONING:

Assistant Zoning Inspector, Mr. Bernard, gave the January, 2024, Monthly Zoning Report:

- 5 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of \$ 370,000.00.
- Zoning Permit and application fees collected totaled \$ 550.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in January and did some organizing.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met once in January and the case was pulled back so it was thrown out.

5 Zoning Complaints:

- 4 Excessive Refuse
- 1 Out-of-Compliance

111 phone calls received.

Mr. Gauntner stated the Burger King property on Route 20 is pretty much cleaned up except for leveling the dirt and planting grass in the spring.

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Paul Cook, reported the January, 2024, Monthly Service Department Report:

- Continued maintenance and service on all Township owned equipment.
- Plowing and salting equipment are all running well.
- Storm damage picked up.
- Ditching completed on Emerson Road, Klasen Road, and Bailey Road.
- Limb pickup completed on some Madison Township roads.
- Annual Township sign inspection completed and all damaged or missing signage replaced.
- Work continued on expanding sections of North Madison Cemetery.
- Painting done in the Recreation Hall at Stanton Park.
- Jetting completed on Bathgate Avenue, Stonehaven Road, Argyle Drive, and Roe Boulevard.

Mr. Cook requested a motion to approve the 2024 Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off Schedule

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the 2024 Brush & Yard Waste Schedule, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner stated this schedule was discussed in the Workshop Meeting earlier tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, stated he had several Resolutions for this evening.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-031**, A Resolution accepting the sealed bid from Carron Asphalt Paving, Inc. of Solon, Ohio, at a total cost of eighty-seven thousand, four hundred seventy-six dollars and fifty-three cents (\$87,476.53), for the Trail Paving Project at Bill Stanton Community Park.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-031**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-032**, A Resolution to release and return an insurance fire loss claim, in the amount of one hundred seventy-nine thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-three cents (\$179,278.73) to ARC BKMST41001, LLC of Newport, Rhode Island, for a fire loss at 6634 North Ridge Road, Permanent Parcel No. 01B1070000350.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-032**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

On February 28, 2023, a structure fire occurred at 6634 N. Ridge Road, Parcel #01B1070000350 (Burger King). In compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3929.86 C and D and Madison Resolution #01-064, Madison Township received a deposit of one hundred eighty-four thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-three cents (\$184,278.73) to be held until the demolition or restoration of the damaged property took place. Upon inspection, the property has been removed. Madison Township desires to withhold five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for seeding and soil retention which will not occur until early spring. The balance of the fire loss claim will be one hundred seventy-nine thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-three cents (\$179,278.73) and will be paid to ARC BKMST41001, LLC as instructed by Stacy Runk, VP Client Relations of Global Net Lease, owner and/or insured of 6634 N. Ridge Road.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-033**, A Resolution entering into an agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to provide funding, in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$128,000.00), for the Madison Township 2020 Road Program (resurfacing of East Tuttle Road, Northway Road, Avalon Avenue, Manatee Avenue, Beach Drive, and N. Cumings Boulevard), effective February 1, 2024.

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Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-033**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

In 2020, an application for the resurfacing of East Tuttle, Homestead, Avalon, Manatee, Beach, and N. Cumings Roads to be known as the Madison Township 2020 Road Program, was submitted to the OPWC for approval. The amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$128,000.00) was approved by OPWC, but the Madison Township Trustees did not receive notice of the available funding until July of 2023. OPWC officials agreed to allow an alteration of the original scope of the project to replace Homestead Road with Northway Road, as Homestead was resurfaced in 2022. The funding for the 2020 Road Program was re-approved by the OPWC in the fall of 2023. Mr. Gauntner stated the reason for the oversight by the OPWC was nobody in Columbus was working in their offices in 2020. Everyone was working from their homes due to the COVID Pandemic.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-034**, A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept, in the total amount of twenty-seven thousand, four hundred eighty-five dollars (\$27,485.00), the 2024 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-034**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-035**, A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to award two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), available through the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's Community Event Sponsorship Program, to the Madison Joint Recreation District.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-035**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

The Township was notified in the NOPEC Sponsorship Award Notice that the Trustees are eligible to award two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to provide financial support to deserving organizations that host events within the community for residents.

Mr. Brown stated this award will directly go to the Madison Joint Recreation District which will be used toward the "Light Up the Park" event this year.

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-036**, A Resolution accepting a permanent waterway culvert easement on Permanent Parcel No. 01-A-044-0-00-011-0 for the repair, construction, and maintenance.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-036**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner asked Mr. Brown if he will file the easement with the Lake County Recorder's Office. Mr. Brown said he would. Mr. Brown stated the property address is 5200 Emerson Road.

Mr. Wayman stated he had a comment for Mr. Brown. Mr. Wayman was in Columbus last week at the Ohio Township Association (OTA) Convention and had a conversation with Charles Reamer from the Northern Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) who complimented Mr. Brown on his grant writing. Mr. Wayman said Mr. Brown does a good job. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Gauntner said Mr. Brown has obtained many millions of dollars in grant funds for the Township and does a very good job. Mr. Brown thanked the Trustees.

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OTHER:

Mr. Anderson reminded everyone the Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Mr. Gauntner reminded everyone the Ford Road Bridge has been closed five hundred thirty-six (536) days now, and it will be a lot more days before it is opened. This was discussed in the Workshop Meeting earlier tonight. Mr. Gauntner stated a consultant hired by the Lake County Engineers' Office continues to work on the final plans for the bridge. The road culvert has been ordered from a company who manufactures prefab concrete materials so the process is underway. It might be late 2024 or maybe even 2025 before this project is completed as there is a lot of work to be done there. Mr. Gauntner said at least the process has begun.

Mr. Wayman gave a short report on the OTA Convention in Columbus last week. Mr. Wayman said the OTA is as strong as ever with a great attendance at the convention. Every county out of the eighty-eight counties in Ohio was represented except for one township. Mr. Wayman said he attended five (5) different sessions. The sessions were: Engaging With Your Legislators; Understanding Ohio's New Recreational Marijuana Law; Solar Eclipse Planning; OTRA Team Building (a leadership program); Removal of Safety Services Personnel. Mr. Wayman said all sessions are available on line. Mr. Ungers and Mr. Cook told Mr. Wayman they would be taking leadership classes, and it was good to see two (2) younger employees stepping up. Fiscal Officer elect, Ms. Hamercheck was going to take in the fiscal sessions. Mr. Wayman stated Amy Lucci, Concord Township Trustee, was elected to the OTA Board of Directors. Mr. Wayman said he thinks this might be the first time someone from Lake County has been elected to the OTA Board of Directors. All in all, the convention was a positive experience. Mr. Gauntner said Bill McLaughlin, a Trustee from Leroy Township, back in the 1970's and 1980's, was on the OTA Board of Directors at one time, but it has been a long time since someone from Lake County was elected to the Board. Mr. Gauntner thanked Mr. Wayman for going to the convention.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Wally Cook, 5466 West Loveland Road, Madison Township, addressed the Board regarding two (2) areas of West Loveland Road he is concerned about which have needed repaired for at least three (3) years. Mr. Cook said he wrote a letter to Mr. Brown and Mr. Cook regarding this issue. Mr. Wally Cook stated there is a lot of traffic on the road with garbage trucks, school busses, and delivery vehicles. Mr. Cook said his concerns are regarding the failing condition of a crossover culvert and drainage pipes under the road. Mr. Brown said he did answer Mr. Cook's letter, and a work order was created. The Township will look into the matter. Mr. Brown said hopefully something can be done with the failing pipes by April. Mr. Gauntner said the Township will definitely look into the matter.

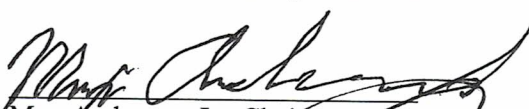
Mr. Anderson requested a motion to move into Executive Session in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. (C4 litigation and Michalski case)

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson reconvened the Meeting at 7:45 P.M. and with no further business to discuss, 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 7:45 P.M.


Max Anderson, Jr., Chairman


Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer