

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR**

Meeting

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

Held February 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Sill called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025, 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. Sill called for a roll call: Mr. Wayman, Mr. Sill, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hamercheck, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. Anderson was absent with a prior commitment.

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

Mr. Sill stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to remember some of our residents who have passed away. Please remember Madison residents Randolph Reed, Joseph Franczek, Barbara Piispanen, and Patricia Cz-Stafford.

Mr. Wayman stated Pat Cz-Stafford was a terrific person and teacher in Madison for many years. Pat also went to work for the Madison Food Center and eventually ran the Food Center for many years. Mr. Wayman stated Pat was a very dedicated person who grew up here and went to school here. She was an all-around good gal, and she will be missed. Mr. Sill said he heard many good things about her, and it is a tough loss.

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2025, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand, one hundred sixty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$175,167.38) (actual) for February 11, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of one hundred seventy-five thousand, one hundred sixty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$175,167.38) (actual) for February 11, 2025, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, five hundred fifty-four dollars and three cents (\$120,554.03) (actual) for February 7, 2025, and payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, eight hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$120,858.33) (estimate) for February 21, 2025.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, five hundred fifty-four dollars and three cents (\$120,554.03) (actual) for February 7, 2025, (actual), and payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, eight hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$120,858.33) (estimate) for February 21, 2025, seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

## **TRUSTEES:**

Mr. Wayman stated several staff members went to the Winter 2025 Ohio Township Association Conference in Columbus about two (2) weeks ago. The classes were very good, and Mr. Wayman said we learned a lot. Mr. Wayman said while networking with other townships, we got to know what other townships are doing about certain items. The Township has two (2) young people (Paul Cook and Max Ungers) who are on the doorstep of finishing their leadership classes. Mr. Wayman said he is proud of that.

Mr. Sill stated it was his first time attending the conference, and he learned the similarities in struggles that townships have in common. After hearing some horror stories, he learned how well our township is run. He also heard some topics the township might look into and talk about in the future. Mr. Sill said the classes were very organized and directed to every position in township government. He enjoyed the conference very much.

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Ms. Hamercheck stated this was her second conference and very similar to last years. She went to a lot of grant seminars and unfortunately the disclaimer was that no one was sure the money would be there for the grants.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Hager stated in the month of January, 2025, the Madison Township Police Department had 857 calls for service.

Calls for Service	857	911	10
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Abuse	1
Administrative	10	Alarm	22
Animal Complaint	10	Arrest on Warrant	1
Assault	1	Assist Fire Department	247
Assist Other	7	Assist Police	11
Business Check	65	Burglary in Progress/Burg Report	2
Custody Dispute	1	Checks	1
Civil	4	Court	5
Community Policing	5	Criminal Damaging	2
Assault w/injury	1	DAV	16
Disturbance	13	Damage Accident	18
DOA	2	Directed Patrol	4
Drugs	1	Domestic Violence	4
Family Dispute	1	Fraud	8
Harassment	4	Hazard	12
Hit & Run	1	Invest	33
Info	33	Injury Accident	4
Juvenile Complaint	6	K9	2
Lockout	28	Mental Subject	3
Misassigned Case Number	1	Neighbor Complaint	2
Noise Complaint	8	OD	3
Open Door/Window	1	Private Property Accident	5
Parking Violation	1	Property Found/Lost	1/1
Pursuit	1	Repo	5
Security Checks	14	Sex Offense	1
Shoplifting	2	Sick Call Off	14
Shots (Noise)	1	Special Detail	4
SRO	45	Subpoena	1
Suicide Threat/Attempt	3/1	Suspicious Circumstance	28



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Suspicious Vehicle	11	Suspicious Person	9
Theft	8	Transport	1
Theftid (identity theft)	1	Threat	3
TPO	1	Traffic Stop	45
Training	1	Traffic Complaint	12
Trespassing	4	Unwanted Subject	1
Welfare Check	15		

Chief Hager stated he will have a Resolution for the next meeting to purchase two (2) new Dodge Durango police cruisers.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated what he has a report to be brought up in Executive Session.

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, stated she had nothing for this meeting.

**ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Ungers was absent with a prior commitment.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:**

Assistant Service Department Supervisor, Mr. Price, stated the Service Department is continuing with their winter operations. Mr. Price advised the Board the Service Department will be interviewing for the available position in the department Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. The one hundred forty-five (145) applicants were whittled down to five (5) and then three (3). Mr. Sill thanked Mr. Price for removing the tree in the cemetery which could not have been fun this time of year.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. Brown, Administrator, stated he had no resolutions for tonight, but he had a few updates. Regarding the Route 20 Sewer Extension Project, Mr. Brown said we are still waiting for a hearing date to be set. They are working on easements that are going to be acquired through an eminent domain because a couple of people have refused.

Mr. Brown said the Emerson Road Culvert has been ordered. The Township is waiting for it to show up, and have not yet received a schedule. The project is moving forward. The things that need to be ordered are being ordered.

A meeting was held on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to discuss the Stanton Park Armor Stone Project. Mr. Brown said much of the permitting from the 2020 project will be rolled over into this permit so the township will save some money. That was a win for the township. Mr. Sill said that was a huge win. Mr. Brown said since this is a million dollar grant from the federal government, there are some things he should bring to their attention because of the executive orders that have come out of the Trump administration recently. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) released a memo which states funding for congressionally directed spending would be suspended. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, a federal judge issued a temporary injunction blocking the memo enforcement. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the memo was rescinded but OMB would continue to review all federal awards. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, a temporary nationwide restraining order was issued stating Federal agencies cannot pause, freeze, impede, block,

cancel, or terminate any awards or obligations on open awards. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, a federal judge mandated all agencies "release any disbursements on open awards". The memo included questions which seemed to focus on illegal aliens, environmental agreements,



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diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, and gender ideology programs. Grant funds are being disbursed incrementally. Generally, the administration cannot rescind funds that have already been awarded through federal grants or congressionally directed spending. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Brown received an email from the Township's NOAA affiliate stating the project is still scheduled to open April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Brown said it looks like the Township's money is still there after all the ups and downs going on the last few weeks.

Mr. Brown stated the Township will open the Beach Drive Outfall Project bids tomorrow. There are nine (9) bid packages out for the small outfall that the Township is putting in next to Madison Township Park.

Mr. Brown said the Township has a lease with the Fine Arts Association that will come due in May. Mr. Brown said he has talked with Brint Larned, Executive Director, of Rabbit Run Community Arts Association and they are interested in extending the lease to twenty (20) years with two (2) ten-year options. They would like to do the barn lease at the same time. Rabbit Run is interested in going out much further as they want to spend money on the barn in the future. Mr. Wayman stated when Mr. Anderson gets back, all three (3) of the Trustees will have to talk about this. Mr. Brown stated that since it is a contract, the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss this.

Mr. Sill stated he was concerned about the Stanton Park issue and is sorry Mr. Brown had to go through all the ups and downs the last few weeks. Mr. Brown said he thought the Township would be okay because the grant was given to the Township by Congress, but the grant was definitely on the chopping block for a moment. Mr. Brown stated the Township has done some engineering work on the project costing about twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). but we have the fifty thousand-dollar (\$50,000.00) funds from the Lake County Commissioners from bed tax money. The Township will not spend more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) on the project until we are sure the grant will be issued.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

Mr. Sill stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.

Mr. Sill 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. (C4 injunction)

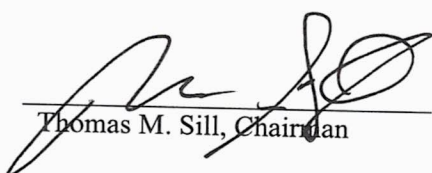
Mr. Wayman presented a motion to adjourn into Executive Session., seconded by Mr. Sill. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill convened the Meeting into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Sill reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:43 P.M. and with no further business requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Chairman Sill adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 7:44 P.M.

  
Thomas M. Sill, Chairman

  
Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer