

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REGULAR

Meeting

June 27, 2024, at 12:00 Noon

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10748

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Anderson called the Trustees' Regular Meeting of June 27, 2024, to order at 12:00 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. Ungers Zoning Inspector, and Ms. Hamercheck, were in attendance. Administrator Mr. Brown was unavailable for the meeting.

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, and neighbors, who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison resident Judith Lindsey Cross.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting and the June 11, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024, Trustees' Workshop Meeting, and the June 11, 2024, Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of three hundred forty-five thousand, five hundred fifty-one dollars and forty-nine cents (\$345,551.49) (actual) for June 27, 2024.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of three hundred forty-five thousand, five hundred fifty-one dollars and forty-nine cents (\$345,551.49) (actual) for June 27, 2024, attached to and made part of these minutes, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty-thousand, one hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty-four cents (\$120,169.34) (actual) for June 28, 2024.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, one hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty-four cents (\$120,169.34) (actual) for June 28, 2024, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Anderson stated he received a check for two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from the Madison Kiwanis Club as a donation toward the cost of the new pickleball courts at Veteran Park. Mr. Anderson turned the check over to Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer. Mr. Anderson thanked the Kiwanis Club for the outstanding job they do for the community. Mr. Gauntner agreed and said the donation was very generous. Mr. Wayman said pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country.

Mr. Wayman wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Dan Cvelbar, a family man, who recently took it upon himself to get the Bennett Road baseball field in shape for boys and girls to enjoy this summer. Dan initiated the project by getting farmers and equipment necessary to clear the field and make it safe for the children. Mr. Wayman said he gives Dan a big pat on the back for this, and getting permission from the school board who owns the field to do so. It was a very good thing to do.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hagar stated he had nothing to report except to report there was one accident on Route 20 due to the road widening construction there. A front-end loader carrying a plastic pipe damaged a car.

LEGAL:

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

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FISCAL OFFICER:

Ms. Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to adopt **Resolution #24-083**, A Resolution adopting the Madison Township 2025 Tax Budget.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to table **Resolution #24-083** due to a procedural error, and the Trustees need to schedule a new hearing date for the 2025 Tax Budget which is due on July 15, 2024, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner made a motion to set a date for the 2025 Tax Budget Hearing for July 9, 2024, at 6:50 P.M. before the 7:00 Trustees' Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes
The hearing will be advertised in the newspaper.

Ms. Hamercheck requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-084**, A Resolution accepting fifty-two thousand, fifty-two dollars (\$52,052.00) from a Northern Ohio Public Energy Council Grant for insulation and siding of the Service Department Building, and deposited into Line Item 2021-805-0000, *Other Local Grants*.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-084**, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Gauntner stated this was money well spent. The Service Department Garage looks like a new building now that it has been re-sided. It is very much improved and should last a long time. Part of the cost was funded by a Northern Ohio Public Energy (NOPEC) Grant and part by Madison Township.

ZONING:

Mr. Ungers, Zoning Inspector, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-085**, A Resolution rezoning Permanent Parcel #01-B-110-0-00-001-0 and 16.949 acres of Parcel #01-B-110-0-00-036-0 located on North Ridge Road owned by James Place Properties, Inc. from B-2, Regional Business District, to MH, Manufactured Home Park District.

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-085**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: No Mr. Gauntner: No Mr. Anderson: No

Mr. Gauntner stated the rezoning request does not meet Madison Township's Comprehensive Plan at this time. Currently, there are a number of lots yet to be developed on the existing property. Mr. Gauntner stated the Lake County Planning Commission made a recommendation to deny the request, as did the Madison Township Zoning Commission due to it not meeting the current Comprehensive Zoning Plan. Mr. Gauntner also stated that he thought the request was very premature. Mr. Wayman agreed with Mr. Gauntner for the reasons stated.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Assistant Service Department Supervisor, Matt Price, stated he had nothing to report. Mr. Wayman said he noticed Mr. Price driving around one day after work in his own vehicle. Mr. Price was checking out some hot spots after the heavy rains we recently had. Mr. Wayman said Matt is the type of employee the Township wants and needs. Mr. Anderson said the Service Department employees all do an outstanding job. Mr. Gauntner said he has been there and done it, and their work is very much appreciated.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator, Mr. Brown, was absent with a prior commitment.

OTHER:

Mr. Gauntner said the June Fire Board Meeting was over in twenty (20) minutes, but the board was in Executive Session for over an hour. Mr. Wayman said there are no updates. The next meeting will be the third Wednesday of July, which is July 17, 2024.

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Mr. Gauntner stated Mr. Brown sent a text message that the new Local Government Fund (LGF) formula recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and sent to the Lake County Tax Commission has passed. This will mean additional revenue for the Township on an annual basis. The old formula from 1982 favored the western communities in Lake County. The new formula is more favorable for the eastern communities especially townships. Mr. Gauntner said Mr. Brown deserves much credit for this new formula. Mr. Brown has been working for over a year and a half crunching numbers and he started the ball rolling on this issue. Hats off to everyone involved in getting a new formula in place.

Mr. Gauntner then read a letter addressed to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Wayman.

*From the Desk of
Kenneth R. Gauntner Jr.
Madison Township Trustee*

June 27, 2024

Dear Mr. Anderson & Mr. Wayman,

As you both know, there is a time to reflect back on the things we have been successful at as Township Trustees, and the things we wish we could have done better. The job of Township Trustee is not as easy as some people think it is. It can be very rewarding when projects are successful benefiting the community in a positive manner. It can also be very frustrating when you know what the community needs, but the funds are not available to execute an idea. In the 11 years I have been a Trustee, we have had many challenges to deal with. I believe we dealt with those challenges in a positive manner. I know that our residents have no idea how hard we all work for the betterment of this community. I see negative comments on Madison social media sites that anger me. They make me realize that the time we all spend doing our best for the community is seldom appreciated. The ignorant comments made by some people are sad to read, disrespectful at times, and makes me question why we do what we do. I know in my 11 years here that as a team we have done much good for the community despite what some say.

*I have seen too many elected officials from the Presidents of the United States down to local politicians stay in office longer than they should. They continue to hang on and become ineffective at their job. I will not be one of those elected officials. On June 17th, I marked my 50th year working and serving in local government, township and county combined. A long-time friend of mine Judge Richard Collins who is now retired and a well-respected Common Pleas Judge for many years told me, "**You will wake up one morning and just know it is time to leave office.**" I had that morning not too long ago. For many reasons I know it is my time to leave office. Life is very short and no one is guaranteed tomorrow. I have seen many people I know who worked in local government pass away much too soon after they retired. They never got the opportunity to enjoy their retirement. After much thought and contemplation about my future, it is time for me to pass the torch on to the next generation. **Therefore, effective on June 30, 2024, at 11:59 P.M. I will be resigning my position as a Madison Township Trustee.** It has been a pleasure working with you both and with our staff of dedicated employees. We have put together a wonderful team of individuals accomplishing many good things for the Madison community. However, after spending the past fifty years working solely in local government, it is time for me to enjoy life, spend more time with my wife Laurie and focus on family. I have put my heart and soul into making Madison Township a better place to live, but it is time I move on. I wish you both the best, and the best for the township. May God bless and guide you as leaders of this community.*

*Best Regards,
Kenneth R. Gauntner, Jr.
Madison Township Trustee*

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to approve **Resolution #24-086**, A Resolution accepting the resignation of Kenneth R. Gauntner, Jr. as a Madison Township Trustee effective June 30, 2024, at 11:59 P.M.

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Mr. Wayman presented a motion to approve **Resolution #24-086**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes

Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Gauntner did an outstanding job for the community over his fifty (50) years of public service. The community is very fortunate to have good people here running the Township from zoning, road supervisors, administration. Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Gauntner for all his hard work.

Mr. Wayman stated he has known Mr. Gauntner for sixty (60) years, ever since Immaculate Conception softball years. Mr. Gauntner always did what was best for the entire Township. He leaves it in a much better place. Mr. Wayman wished Mr. Gauntner the best of luck in his retirement, and said he may lean on Mr. Gauntner in the future for his opinion on some issues. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Gauntner said he would be honored. Mr. Gauntner said people do not realize how much work you put into your job with their negative comments on social media. The Township has had three trustees who work very well together and have accomplished many things. The Township has an Administrator who has brought in six million dollars in grants to fund different projects in the Township. The Township has paved many roads and renovated the Rec Hall and Banquet Hall at Bill Stanton Park. Chief Hager was a great find and is a Madison resident. Mr. Gauntner said Max Ungers is the fifth (5th) zoning inspector the Township has had since he has been on the Board, and he hopes Max stays with the Township. Ms. Hamercheck as Fiscal Officer is the future of the Township. The Township needs young blood. Mr. Gauntner said the Service Department does a good job with Matt Price and Paul Cook, and it is appreciated. Mr. Gauntner thanked everyone for their hard work.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mrs. Lori Boban, 6067 Ford Road, addressed the Board. Mrs. Boban stated for the last three (3) days, she has seen trucks taking dirt from the bridge construction site on Ford Road to the west end of the C4 Shooting Center property on E. Loveland Road. There is a huge pile of dirt there now. Mrs. Boban asked the Trustees if they knew anything about it. The Trustees all said this is the first they have heard of it. They will have Mr. Brown call the Lake County Engineers Office next week to check on it.

Mr. Anderson stated the next Trustees' Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. with the Workshop Meeting preceding at 6:30 P.M. There will also be a 2025 Tax Budget Hearing on July 9, 2024, at 6:50 P.M. before the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Anderson requested a motion to convene into Executive Session in accordance with *Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G (1)*:to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. (Trustee Appointment)

Mr. Wayman presented a motion to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

Mr. Anderson convened the meeting into Executive Session at 12:36 P.M.

Mr. Anderson reconvened the meeting at 12:42 P.M.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Madison Township Trustees on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. Noon to discuss a potential replacement for Mr. Gauntner, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes

With no further business, Mr. Anderson 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

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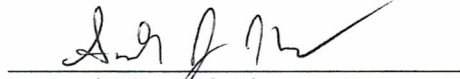
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Chairman Anderson adjourned the Trustees' Regular Meeting at 12:44 P.M.



Max Anderson, Chairman



Sarah Hamercheck