

Madison Township Board Meeting  
7047 E. Landersdale Rd. Camby In 46113  
August 31, 2023  
7:00 pm

**Agenda**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustee Larry Ellis, Board Chairman Jim Johnson, Board Member Ronnie McClure, Board Secretary Nelson Hoggatt, Clerk Tina Turner

Absent: None

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge was recited by board and audience.

- III. **Prayer/Moment of Silence:** Observed by board and audience.

- IV. **Adoption of Minutes:**

May 11, 2023 minutes. There was some discussion whether meeting minutes were needed since no official township business took place and nothing was voted on. Nancy Hoggatt stated that she researched IN.GOV for the definition of a meeting and found that a component of an official board meeting would include voting on something and she did not think meeting minutes were needed since nothing was voted on, but the board could decide. Trustee Ellis and all three members of the board agreed that no meeting minutes were needed for the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Ronnie made a motion to dismiss the meeting minutes for May 11, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ronnie made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023 minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. Motion passed 3-0.

Tina stated that at the end of July, 2023 we had five over three-year-old checks that were cancelled and the money has gone back to where it came from. She provided a list of the transactions to the board so there would be a record of them included in the meeting minutes. An audience member asked if she could state where the money came from and the amounts so that could be part of the record. Tina said she did not have that information front of her. She said she could tell us that two of the transactions came from the 9999 fund.

**V. Resolution 2023-14 Township Meeting Protocol:**

Chairman Johnson read Resolution 2023-14.

Trudy Ellis asked for some clarification for item I.C. of the agenda (Any demonstrations that may be deemed disruptive to the Board conducting an orderly meeting must seek approval from the Board before the planned event). She asked if the board would approve something that is disruptive. Jim said no. Trudy further stated that we have an organization meeting in January when we normally set the rules for our meetings and questioned why we visited this again at this time. She also asked if the board will become experts on Roberts Rules of Order for conducting our meetings since the resolution states we will use that for our meetings.

Ronnie made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson.  
Motion passed 3-0.

**VI. Resolution 2023-15 Additional Appropriation:**

Nelson said the township should look within their budget for money before asking for additional appropriations according to the SBOA so it was decided to address each line-item request individually. Deputy Chief Beisel asked the board to approve \$53,375.00 for the Personnel line-item. He said that would free up 3 firefighter positions that are currently being used as drivers for the ambulance and will enable us to adequately staff both fire stations and keep them open. Chairman Johnson asked for a motion on appropriations for 1111 1A (adding part-time EMS staffing and 1111 1BA (social security township share).

Ronnie made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-15 for the 1111 1A and 1111 1BA in the amount of \$53,375.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 2-1 with Nelson Hoggatt voting against it.

There was a discussion concerning underpayment into the INPRS 77 Fund for 2022. Tina said payments were funded in the 2022 budget, but a calculation error in what the township sent to INPRS resulted in underpayment to INPRS.

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion on Fund 1111 1BC (2022 underpayment of INPRS Fund 77).

Nelson said he keeps going back to what the SBOA says. If there is money in the budget that should be used to fund these things instead of asking for additional appropriations and he does not know if that has been done.

Nancy Hoggatt said the first option should be to look and see if there is money in the Fund Category. If not, look to see if there is money in another category in the same fund. Then the board could vote to transfer money from one category to another category within the same fund. Then you would not need to ask for an additional appropriation. If the money is there, why not use it?

Trudy Ellis said she feels additional appropriations need to be for emergency situations only. She said we have saved a lot of money on insurance premiums. There is \$25,000 remaining. She urged the administration to use the current budget. She said to use the current budget for these things. Do not ask for additional appropriations.

Trustee Ellis said he would look at the budget to see if there is money left over for 2023 to cover the rest of the items on the additional appropriations resolution but do not be surprised if he comes back at the end of the year and asks for additional appropriations.

Ronnie said what has been passed so far is the additional part-time EMS staffing and associated social security in the amount of \$53,375 and Trustee Ellis has stated he will examine the budget to determine if the other appropriations can be funded from another line item. If there is a shortage of that he has said he will come back to the board and ask for additional appropriations to cover anything we cannot cover.

## **VII. Good to the Order:**

Trudy asked when we will have the website up and running. She would like to be able to contact board members, have the minutes published on there, and the future proposed budget, etc. She also asked if the \$53,375 that was approved is just for this year or are we going to increase our personnel budget by a minimum of \$160,000 and if so she does not see how we can keep going like that. Someone on the panel responded this is going to be long term.

Chairman Johnson said we are growing. We are going to be getting more money. Money you do not know about.

Dawn Horock said we have a trustee website, but she has not received any information to put on it.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ronnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes prepared by Nelson Hoggatt, Board Member Secretary

Dated this 28th day of September, 2023.

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ATTEST:

Trustee Ellis, Madison Township Trustee