

Madison Township Board Meeting
7047 E. Landersville Rd. Camby In 46113
February 27, 2024
7:00 pm

Board Meeting

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ronnie McClure at 7:03 pm.

Present: Roll call: Larry Ellis, Matthew Pranger, Ronnie McClure, Nelson Hoggatt, Tina Turner, Chief Anthony (Tony) McClure, Deputy Chief Chad Coulter,

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 Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024 Meeting**
Nelson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, 2nd by Matthew.
Motion passed 3-0.
- V. **Trustee Report**
- VI. **Clerk Report**
A list of budget adjustments was made during the January meeting and discussed. The document was not provided during the January meeting. Document provided during this meeting.

Matthew Pranger made a motion to amend the January meeting minutes. 2nd by Nelson. Motion passed 3-0.
- VII. **Appointment of Denise McClure to the Morgan County Regional Sewer District Board effective January 1, 2024**
Trustee Ellis: There was a resignation on the board. The township needs a representative for that board. Confirmed Denise McClure is the representative on the board.
- VIII. **Review of 2023 Annual Financial Report**

The board will be presented with an asset list by June 1, of 2024.

Ronnie asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Nelson made a motion.
Matthew 2nd.
Motion passed 3-0.

IX. Resolution 2024-01, Variance Thresholds

Ronnie asked for a motion.
Nelson made a motion to accept resolution 2024-01 as written, 2nd by Matthew.
Motion passed 3-0.

X. Resolution 2024-02, Internal Controls

Ronnie asked for a motion.
Nelson made a motion to accept resolution 2024-01 as written, 2nd by Matthew.
Motion passed 3-0.

XI. Resolution 2024-04, Salary Full-time Deputy Chief

The board discussed the need for full-time vs part-time chiefs. The board determined that a part-time Deputy Chief focused on operations aligned with the needs of the fire department. A full-time role for the Chief is not necessary now.

Chairman Ronnie asked if the salary requested for the new full-time Deputy Chief role was in line with the approved salary resolution in January.

Trustee Ellis: It is not. We had a part-time chief and deputy both at \$40,000. We are now requesting the Deputy Chief to go up to \$65,000 which aligned with what was in budget the previous year. We will still be within budget.

Clerk Turner: If we do not hire an Assistant Chief, we will have enough in the budget.

Trustee Ellis: We will have a Chief in the fire station everyday with this plan.

Ronnie asked for a motion.
Matthew made a motion to accept resolution 2024-01 as written, 2nd by Ronnie.
Nelson opposed. Motion passed 2-1.

XII. Chairman McClure announced Resolution 2024-03, Transfer of Funds to Rainy Day Fund and Resolution 2024-05, Dissolution of Fire Merit Board had been removed from the agenda.

XIII. Public Comment

Jim Miles – What happened to a chief and a shift chief? I had a small fire at my property and I want to praise the whole group.

Dawn Horock – Update on the quotes and where we are on the shutdown firehouse.
Trustee Ellis – We will have a meeting in early March to address these concerns that will directly and only address these concerns. I have a quote for a renovation. The Chief and Deputy Chief are working on a plan to reopen the firehouse. We need to expand or rebuild within the next 20 years. The station is hazardous due to the previous administration's lack of care. The fire doors between bays and living quarters are not fire rated. We will decide what direction to go in March.

Eric Brown – The hazard that determined the shutdown, do we have a dollar amount available to the public? We do not need to make political statements. We need to see a dollar amount for each fire hazard that is keeping them out of the building.

Megan Butler – Thank the firefighters for their service. They had worked phenomenally. Thank Chad and everyone who has been in service. I picked my home based on how close it is to Station 831.

Chairman McClure – The priority is reopening the station. I have had concerns related to staffing both stations.

Jordan Russell – 3 and 5 were removed. Questions were regarding resolution 3 and 5 that were removed. A loan would be better than moving funds from salaries to rainy day fund.

Danny Brock – Asked Trustee Ellis if he planned to cut staffing. Trustee Ellis said he does not have plans to cut staffing.

XIV. Motion to table the two resolutions

Nelson made a motion to table Resolution 2024-03, Transfer of Funds to Rainy Day Fund. 2nd by Matthew. No objections. Motion passed 3-0.

Nelson made a motion to table Resolution 2024-05, Dissolution of Fire Merit Board 2nd by Matthew. No objections. Motion passed 3-0.

XV. Adjournment

Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 8:28, 2nd by Matthew.
Motion passed 3-0.

XVI. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday March, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Matthew Pranger, Board Member Secretary

Dated this 8th day of April, 2024.

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Nelson Haggatt

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ATTEST:

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Trustee Ellis, Madison Township Trustee