VILLAGE OF MADISON
Regular Council Meeting
February 23, 2026

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Britton invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Britton requested that everyone observe a moment of silence. Council Members Mr. Adams, Ms. Drown, Mr. Lee and Mr. Vest were in attendance. Also in attendance were Administrator Mr. Chapman, Law Director Mr. Szeman, Fiscal Officer Kristie Crockett, Village Engineer Eric Haibach and Chief of Police Troy McIntosh. Mr. Donaldson was not in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

MINUTES
Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussions – None
Roll call on approval, 4 yeas. Motion carried.

The next order of business is Resolution No. 5-2026 which reads as follows:
RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT GUBANYAR TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)
Motion for passage made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Adams.
Questions/Discussions: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Chief McIntosh stated that Mr. Gubanyar has been with the Madison Village Police Department for approximately five (5) years. He started during COVID, so today will be his first time being sworn in in front of Council.
Mr. Gubanyar has served the department as a Patrol Officer and has spent the past two and a half years as a Detective. Chief McIntosh expressed his pleasure in announcing Officer Gubanyar's well-earned promotion. The Law Director administered the oath of office, officially swearing in Mr. Gubanyar as Sergeant of the Madison Village Police Department. He was warmly congratulated by all in attendance.

Chief McIntosh explained that legislative action was already taken for Garrett Mason, with his appointment of Patrol Officer confirmed at the last meeting.
Tonight, he will be sworn in by Law Director Szeman. Once sworn in, this coming Wednesday will be his first day in training. He is a welcome addition to the Police Department.
Mr. Mason was sworn in, with his fiancée proudly pinning his badge on his uniform. He was warmly congratulated by everyone in attendance.

FIRST HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PAY ORDINANCE
Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2537: $60,096.72 for payroll and $58,513.44 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of $118,610.16.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lee.
Questions/Discussions – None
Roll call on approval, 4 yeas. Motion carried.

OLD LEGISLATION: None

NEW LEGISLATION:
ORDINANCE NO. 1-2026: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITONAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading) (Capacity payment to LCDU for 2025 & 2026)
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Lee.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lee.
Questions/Discussions: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVAL PERMITTED BY MOTION:
A purchase order to O'Reilly Equipment in the amount of $8,425.00 for a Suretrac Trailer for the M/R Department.
Administrator Chapman explained that this is a tilt trailer which is easier to use with the department's equipment. It will replace the Moritz trailer that has been used for the past 15 years.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussions: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

A purchase order to VISA in the amount of $3,114.00 for replacement picnic tables at Dana's Park, Park Pavillion and Klingbeil Park.
Mr. Chapman explained that these picnic tables are the blue, round metal tables. They will replace the rusted-out tables that are currently in the parks.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lee.
Questions/Discussions: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

A purchase order to Lake County Department of Utilities in the amount of $85,000.00 for the 2025 & 2026 Capacity Payment per Ordinance 31-2015. ($42,500.00 per year)
Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussions: Mrs. Crockett provided a brief explanation of the purchase order.
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

Administrator Chapman brought a purchase order from the floor for the following:
A purchase order to Willygoat in the amount of $3,230.00 for playground equipment at Dana's Park.
Mr. Chapman explained that due to the vendors price increase, we had to find a new one. Our Service Director was able to find Willygoat that had what we needed and was in budget.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussions: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Mr. Vest suggested contacting the Madison Local School District to see if they have any playground equipment they are parting with.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Engineer's report –**
  Mr. Haibach stated that he does not have anything to report, however; he would like Mayor Britton, Administrator Chapman and Council to start thinking about what they would like on the Master Plan as he is eager to get started on this. He stated that a few things that he would like to see is:

  - Replacement (most likely in phases) of the storm sewer on North Lake Street.
  - The Middle Ridge Sidewalk
  - The light and possible intersection improvements at Middle Ridge & State Route 528

  He would like to see a long-term view of where Madison Village could be. He stated that there will be time to discuss what the goals are as well as public engagement.

- **Fiscal Officer's report –**
  No report

- **Police Chief's report –**
  Chief McIntosh reported that with the Clerk on vacation, he has been pretty busy. Discussion has started in regards to Safety Town, this year will be the 40th Anniversary of the program. It will be held sometime in June, however; he does not have the firm date yet. He will advise when he has an update.

He confirmed that with the appointment of Officer Mason, he has nine out of the ten full-time patrol officers' positions filled.

- **Administrator's report –**
  Administrator Chapman reported that he has been in contact with the contractor for Jimmy John's, and they will be getting started on the project soon.

  He stated that at the Mayor's and Manager's Meeting he attended today, he had the pleasure of meeting Morgan McIntosh, the newest Lake County Commissioner.

  He also met with the contractor for Arcola Creek Nursing Home. They remain on pace to open in late March or early April. He will be working with them to schedule a ribbon-cutting ceremony and will provide an update when additional details become available.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

FINAL HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Report: -

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Adams.
Roll call on adjournment, 4 yeas. Meeting adjourned.

Sam Britton Jr., Mayor | **Mark V. Vest Council President** | 3-9-26 **DATE**

Attested:

Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer | 3-9-2026 **DATE**