VILLAGE OF MADISON
Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2025

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

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, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Drown and Mr. Vest were in attendance. Also in attendance were Acting Village Administrator Mr. Jason Chapman, Law Director Mr. Szeman, Fiscal Officer Kristie Crockett, Assistant Village Engineer Tommy Somogyi and Chief of Police Troy McIntosh. Mr. Lee was not in attendance due to illness.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

MINUTES
Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on January 27, 2025.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussions – None
Roll call on approval, 3 yeas. 1 abstention. Mr. Donaldson abstained. Motion carried.

FIRST HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PAY ORDINANCE
Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2517: $59,182.99 for payroll and $48,630.46 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of $107,813.45.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.
Questions/Discussions – None
Roll call on approval, 4 yeas. Motion carried.

OLD LEGISLATION: None

NEW LEGISLATION:
ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025: AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st Reading)
Mrs. Crockett stated that the Ordinance should state PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS, not TEMPORARY and asked that it be amended to reflect the change.
Motion to amend Ordinance No. 1-2025 to change, in the title, the word temporary to permanent was made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2025: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS OTHER FUNDS AS PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading) ($1,942,000.00 to various funds)
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO, SECION 131.03, TO ADJUST EMPLOYEE PAY GRADE LEVELS AND TO ELIMINATE WATER WORKS AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS. (1st Reading)
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Adams.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Ms. Drown, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.
Questions/Discussion: Councilman Adams asked if this was an emergency, to which he was told no.
Mr. Donaldson asked if there are any employees that this would affect immediately in regards to their pay grade, to which he was told no. Mr. Chapman explained that on the administration side this would not affect any employees; however; Police Chief McIntosh stated that should this legislation pass, it will affect one of his part-time staff members.
Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. 1 nay. Mr. Adams voted no. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MADISON VILLAGE OHIO, SECTION 131.05 TO ADJUST PAY GRADE COMPENSATION LEVELS. (1st Reading)
Mr. Donaldson asked if this legislation were to pass, are changes imminent, to which he was told yes.
Mr. Vest verified that unless this legislation is rendered an emergency, it would not take effect until thirty (30) days after passage.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO, TO ENACT NEW SECTION 131.061, TO PROVIDE FOR A UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR DESIGNATED VILLAGE EMPLOYEES: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)
Mayor Britton explained that this allowance would be for the Service Department, so they have the same allowance as the Police Department.
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. 1 nay. Mr. Adams voted no. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO, SECTION 131.11(A) TO MODIFY THE YEARS OF SERVICE REQUIRED FOR CORRESPONDING PAID VACATION LEAVE FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES (1st Reading)
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: Mr. Adams wanted to explain that he is voting no on the proposed legislation because there have been people questioning why legislation is passed as an emergency. He explained that he wants the employees to have raises, vacation leave, etc. however; he doesn't feel that it needs to be emergency legislation.
Mr. Szeman stated that the emergency clause is not in this legislation, it would not go into effect until thirty (30) days after passage.

Mr. Donaldson asked if vacation is based on 2,080 hours of work? Mrs. Crockett explained that when the employee hits their anniversary date, they automatically are awarded their vacation leave.
A brief discussion took place regarding sick time for part time employees.
Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. 1 nay. Mr. Adams voted no. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2025: AN ORDINANCE AMEDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO, SECTION 131.12, TO MODIFY LONGEVITY COMPENSATION. (1st Reading)
Motion for suspension made by Ms. Drown, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Ms. Drown, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussion: Mrs. Crockett verified that this will affect four (4) non police employees.
Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. 1 nay. Mr. Adams voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 321.34, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)
Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.
Motion for passage made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVAL PERMITTED BY MOTION:
A purchase order to AKE Environmental in the amount of $12,000.00 for the WWTP Licensed Operator Services from December 21, 2014 – January 31, 2025. (Six weeks based on original agreement)
Mr. Chapman explained that this will be the remaining balance owed to AKE Environmental for their services as Operator at the WWTP. Due to their rising costs, their contract was not renewed.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Drown.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

A purchase order to B & W Inspection Services, LLC in the amount not to exceed $26,000.00 for WWTP Licensed Operator Services.
Mr. Chapman explained that this is for the new Operator at the WWTP. The Operator carries a Class IV License. He stated that he does not anticipate needing the services past April 2025. The price may decrease if the EPA agrees to decrease the necessary hours at the WWTP from twenty (20) hours a week to ten (10) hours a week.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

From the floor, a motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest for a purchase order to Preston Ford in the amount of $25,222.00 for a 2000 Chevy CK3500 Bucket Truck was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.
Questions/Discussion: None
Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Engineer's report –**
  No report

- **Fiscal Officer's report –**
  Mrs. Crockett thanked Council for passing the budget legislation. She will be able to wrap up year end and complete the financial statements for 2024 which will be emailed to Council by the end of the week.
  She reported that she received notification from the State Auditor's Office that the training conference for the Local Government Officials will be in Columbus March 27 – March 28, 2025. She will be attending in order to meet her minimum training requirements.

- **Police Chief's report –**
  Chief McIntosh reported that the new furnace was installed at the Police Garage Training Room.
  He reported that last week, the 2024 Durango was delivered. The graphics will need applied and a couple final pieces of equipment installed.
  Patrolman Ochsner will be attending a four (4) day class at Kent State (Trumbull Branch) to become a Certified Field Training Officer.
  In regards to the new hire, most of his pre-employment information is back. He will start his field training the week of February 24, 2025.
  In closing, he reminded all that their will be a Safety Committee Meeting on Monday 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

- **Administrator's report –**
  Mr. Chapman reported that he continues to work with CT Consultants in regards to the WWTP.
  He reported that he met with Wendy Zele from First Energy earlier in the week. If anyone from Council would like her to attend a meeting, she would be more than happy to do so.
  He reported that at the last BZA meeting, Great Lakes Power had their sign package approved. They are about half way moved in, they are anticipating to be completely moved in by the end of July 2025.
  In regards to Concerts in the Park, the donation letters were sent out and nine (9) out of the twelve (12) bands are booked.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Mr. Adams stated that he attended the fundraiser for Retired Madison Firefighter Rudy Graham. Mr. Adams was so impressed at the amount of people there supporting Mr. Graham and his family. An anonymous donor gave them $10,000.00! He asked that we continue to keep Mr. Graham and his family in prayer.

FINAL HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's Report: -

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Drown. Roll call on adjournment, 4 yeas. Meeting adjourned.

Sam Britton Jr., Mayor Mark V. Vest President of Council

Mark V. Vest Council President H.C. Jay Adams, Vice President of Council

2-24-2025
DATE

Attested:

Kristie M Crockett
Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer

2-24-2025
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