

Madison Township Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Morgan County, Indiana

October 8, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Nelson Hoggatt

II. Roll Call

- Nelson Hoggatt, Chairman
- Dawn Horock, Secretary
- Matthew Pranger, Member
- Larry Ellis, Trustee
- Tina Turner, Clerk

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Moment of Silence

V. Adoption of Minutes from Sept 26, 2025.

Motion by Dawn Horock, seconded by Nelson Hoggatt. Vote 3-0

VI. Reports:

Trustee – None

Fire Chief – Advisory Board Meeting Presentation

Clerk Report – TS-Statistical Summary Report on Township Assistance. It was stated that the only error was that one family was displaced for 7 days, not ten days and they were housed in a hotel.

VII. New Business:

1. Board Review of orders and payments – None.
2. Resolution 2025-11 Establish Township Roads and Infrastructure Fund.
Motion to accept by Matthew Pranger, seconded by Dawn Horock. Vote 3-0
3. Budget Adoption
 - a. Board Secretary brought up the Excess Levy for clarification. The Trustee did verify that the Township, on the advice of the financial advisor, would NOT seek any excess levy for 2026. Nancy Hoggett brought this info to Trustee and Clerk in a side discussion (that this Board Secretary was not aware of until reviewing the video of the meeting) so that it can be corrected on Budget Form 4. The Adopted Tax Levy for 1111 Township Fire and EMS currently shows \$1,348,299 and that DOES include a \$120K excess levy amount and should be reduced to \$1,228,299. Per the Clerk, the Trustee will have to change this amount, as he is the only one with access to make that change. It is unknown to the Board, as to whether the Board may have to meet again to re-sign the corrected form 4.
 - b. The Chairman brought up 0101 Township Fund, Line 4B Buildings for \$5,000 was not included on the DGLF Report and per the Trustee needs to be entered on Gateway.
 - c. 1111 Township Fire and EMS
Reduce Line Item 1AB Chief from \$66,950 to \$41,600

- Motion to change by Dawn Horock, seconded by Matthew Pranger. Vote 3-0
- d. 1190 Cumulative Fire Fund
Reduce Line Item 3A from \$100,000 to \$60,000
Motion to change by Nelson Hoggatt, seconded by Matthew Pranger. Vote 3-0
- e. Adoption of 2026 Budget with the changes. Motion by Nelson Hoggatt, seconded by Matthew Pranger. Vote 3-0
- f. Trustee Ellis mentioned that the Township Assistance Fund had enough money to fund next year's budget and possibly the following year. He stated that he would be zeroing out the Adopted Tax Rate. This would also give a little tax relief to taxpayers.

VIII. Determination and Announcement of Next Meeting- November 12, 2025, at 7 PM
IX. Good to Order

Chairman Hoggatt reiterated Indiana Code § 36-6-6-6 grants taxpayers the right to appear and be heard at meetings of the township legislative body regarding expenditure estimates, proposed tax levies, and the approval of the executive's annual report, and any other matter under consideration by the legislative (board) body. This allows for citizen input on the township's financial matters, ensuring transparency and public involvement in local government decisions. Per Chairman Hoggatt, In the future, for matters outside the board's control, taxpayers need to meet with the Trustee or Fire Chief in their office, away from the Board Meetings to discuss those items.

As the Secretary, I do not typically list each person that speaks, but this will be an exception. Chris Mills of Project Lifesaver took issue with a comment that Trustee Ellis made during the Budget Hearing Meeting. He took a portion and quoted Trustee Ellis saying Project Lifesaver withheld information in the past with regard to taxing information and so forth.

Trustee Ellis stated the following in the Sept 26th meeting in response to a question about Project Lifesaver. "They have had issues in the past with taxing and not being forward with information". The person still wasn't clear so Trustee Ellis the stated "They have withheld information in the past that was public information, as far as taxing and income and so forth, so we severed ties with them back them. (I will clarify that questions regarding Project Lifesaver was not something under consideration by the board and should not have been allowed to discussed per the Chairman).

Trustee Ellis responded that it took him several hours to go through past Meeting Minutes to locate the documents Chris Mills requested.

Trustee Ellis read portions of the following minutes:

12/8/2015 Meeting Minutes – Chris Mills stated that Project Lifesaver documents are not open to the Public. Trustee Ellis then referred to the Sonshine Laws stating that it should be public.

9/27/2016 Third Order of Business – Budget Hearing – Board would like to see money previously given to Project Lifesaver moved to General – Community Service Line.

10/11/2016 Budget Adoption Meeting – Board agreed to move \$3K from Project Lifesaver to General-Community Service Fund.

Documents are attached per the request of Trustee Ellis.

X. Board comment – None

XI. Motion to Adjourn at 8:03 pm by Dawn Horock, seconded by Nelson Hoggatt. Vote 3-0

MP & H

^{10th} December
Dated this ~~12th~~ Day of ~~November~~ 2025.

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Nelson Hoggatt
MP
Dawn Horock

ATTEST

[Signature]

Trustee Larry Ellis, Madison Township Trustee