

Madison Township Board Meeting  
7047 E. Landersdale Rd. Camby In 46113  
July 20, 2023  
7:00 pm

**Agenda**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jim 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:**

Ronnie made a motion to approve the April 19 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Trudy referenced item VIII, 4<sup>th</sup> page on the April 19 minutes and asked if the \$4,000 to be paid to Tina Turner is for the time voted on to the end of the year or is that prorated? She asked Tina if she has paid herself \$4,000. It was stated exactly what duration the pay is for. The \$4,000 is for the entire year of 2023 including backpay and will be revisited again in September when we do the budget for 2024.

May 11, 2023 minutes. Ronnie questioned the last statement of the minutes and asked if that was a statement actually made during the meeting. Nelson said it was.

Trustee Ellis commented that he thought the last statement was offensive and antagonistic. He felt the statement was saying, "prove me wrong."

There was some discussion whether we need meeting minutes for the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Trudy said she does not know if we should even have minutes for the May 11 meeting because we could not transact any official business. It was not an official meeting.

Ronnie asked if the lawyer should weigh in. Larry replied we can get answers through the state.

Ronnie made a motion to table the May 11, 2023 minutes until the state can weigh in, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson.

Motion passed 3-0.

Trustee Ellis stated that, per the state, starting 1/1/2024 we will have to start live streaming our meetings. He said regarding station #31, the maintenance budget is almost spent. We have spent \$7,000 on the backup generators. The one at station #31 will not keep up. In the next budget we are going to put some things in the line item.

**V. Resolution 2023-10 Benefits:**

Nelson suggested to refine the wording in the resolution that states the township provides various retirement and group insurance benefits for its employees – is that a general statement or is that implying we are going to do something. Trustee Ellis stated that is a general statement on the forms. Nelson questioned where the money is coming from to continue paying the employee's 6% of the 1977 fund. Trustee Ellis stated that we have discussed this 4 or 5 times.

Nelson questioned why we should give sick days when the full-time fire fighters are on salary. He also stated he felt the number of vacation days are excessive for the years of service.

Trudy Ellis suggested items 3 and 4 in 2023-10 should have verbiage regarding Madison Township Fire Department approval of attendance policy.

Ronnie made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-10 with added verbiage that Madison Township Fire Department approve attendance and leave policy to items 3 and 4 which pertain to actual time away from work. The use of sick leave and vacation time shall be in accordance with Madison Township leave and vacation policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.

Motion passed 2-0 with Nelson Hoggatt voting against the motion.

**VI. Resolution 2023-11 Salary Resolution Fire Chief and Deputy Chief:**

Fire Chief Wilson has resigned. Anthony McClure is now the part time fire chief and Mike Beisel is the part time deputy chief. The effective date is the date on salary resolution July 20, 2023.

Ronnie made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-11 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson.  
Motion passed 3-0.

**VII. Resolution 2023-12 Sale of 2014 Ford Explorer:**

The approximate sale price is \$14,000. Ronnie made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-12 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 3-0.

**VIII. Resolution 2023-13 Elimination of Social Security Taxes for INPRS Fund 77 Firemen:**

Ronnie made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-13 after adding the statement "Per approval of State/Fed" as a requirement to exercise the Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 3-0.

**IX. Trustee Report:**

**Concrete work at Station #31:**

Trustee Ellis addressed the concrete work needed at Station #31. He said we have an estimate of approximately \$201,000 to completely tear out the existing concrete, put down a new base, and replace the concrete with our specifications, including reinforcement with re-bar and adding an additional 10 feet to allow the apparatuses to turn when pulling out, without destroying the yard. We will need approximately 250 cubic yards of concrete at \$157 per yard, \$18,000 for the base, \$12,000 for the dumpsters to get rid of the old concrete. He wants to let the board know where we are now and ask them to do a little homework, if you will, and give any recommendations.

**Cemeteries:**

We are down to 4 from the original 5. Two of them are overgrown with weeds and branches. We will need about \$2200 to get them cleaned up. We only have about \$1,000 in the cemetery budget.

**Haynes Roofing:**

We were supposed to meet with Haynes Roofing last week, but he had a death in the family so we will have to reschedule the meeting. He is a difficult person to pin down for a meeting.

**X. Good to the Order:**

An audience member asked if we received the \$26,000 from Medicare. Tina said she could not remember exactly how much we have received, but it is in the AFR.

**Adjournment**

Ronnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Minutes prepared by Nelson Hoggatt, Board Member Secretary

Dated this 31th day of August, 2023.

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Nelson Hoggatt

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James Johnson

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ATTEST:

[Signature]

Trustee Ellis, Madison Township Trustee

