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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting January 5, 2021

Business of the Board

The purpose of the yearly organizational meeting is to establish regular administrative business for the year ahead. Further information on all resolutions passed by the board can be found in the meeting agenda.

Trustee Pritchard was appointed Chairman of the board. Trustee Reynolds was appointed Vice Chairman of the board.

All business of the board passed as presented.

Following Executive Session, the Madison Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution to hire Reserve Officer Adam Blake as a full-time Officer effective January 23, 2021.



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Board of Trustees Meeting January 19, 2021

Old Business

The Board has received recommendations regarding the social media policy, which is coming up on a one year review. After discussion regarding allowing comments to be seen, the Board asked Administrator Brobst to check with the Prosecutor's office regarding concerns about freedom of speech as it relates to social media comment sections.

Second, Administrator Brobst referred to comments and the request made in 2020 for the Board to allow for a second Public Comment session after Department Reports. It was suggested that the Citizens Advisory Committee collect thoughts from community members. This topic will be discussed further by the Board of Trustees, department heads, and the Administrator, following any Citizens Advisory Committee input.

New Business

Chairman Pritchard shared that the Fire and Police Departments have posted their monthly statistical reports on the Madison Township website. To find these reports, visit madisontownship.org and use the menu at the top of the page to navigate to the department's reports you wish to view.

Trustee Reynolds requested that Administrator Brobst reach out to the Citizen Advisory Committee to insure the reports are easily understood.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson reported on the department's 2020 statistics for EMS and fire services. These statistics can be found at madisontownship.org/fire-statistics. He noted that EMS service runs decreased slightly by 136 runs in 2020 from 2019 due to COVID-19, while fire calls increased by 62.

Chief Robinson also reported on a structure fire that occurred earlier in the morning on Tallman Street. Madison Township was joined by Hamilton Township and Columbus Fire to quickly contain the fire and prevent further damage. There were no injuries. Chief Robinson wanted to thank the Madison Township crew and all other responding departments for their professional and effective tactics.

Trustee Reynolds mentioned that citizens wanting to be vaccinated can go to vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov for more information.

Police Chief Gary York addressed the Board about the statistics gathered in 2020 on the Police Department. He explained that the Township has been broken up into several zones to better track statistical reporting. These stats are available online and provide a clearer picture of what officers do on a day-to-day basis in the Township and can be found at madisontownship.org/police-statistics.

In 2020, the Madison Township Police Department responded to 27,572 calls for service. In total, officers logged 153,642 patrol miles in the Township.

In addition, Chief York reported that there is a resolution on the agenda to enter into a dispatching agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, lasting until December of 2022. The new agreement raises the rate of cost per call by \$2.05, making the new rate \$11.80. The Police Chief said he has budgeted for 4,000 calls.

Finally, Chief York gave an overview of events from January 8, 2021, regarding the homicide on Harbor Blvd. On January 8, 2021, Officer Kranz of MTPD responded to a domestic complaint involving an injured person. Upon arriving, Officer Kranz immediately apprehended and secured the suspect, located the victim, called for a medic, and began administering first aid. Officer Bates and Officer Mallory began to secure a witness and ensured there were no more residents in the house. Chief York shared praise given to the officers and commended them for a professional job well done.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins gave an overview of the snowfall statistics so far this season. He reported that material use has been kept low but expenditures are high due to the rising cost of salt for road de-icing. He also reported that overtime hours are increased because most major snow events so far this season have happened on holidays or weekends.

Superintendent Watkins informed the board of a grant through the EPA that would help towards the cost of resurfacing roads using recycled tires in the asphalt mix. He is working with the county to come up with a correct formula for the asphalt mixture. In addition, Superintendent Watkins is looking into a second grant to cover the cost for a tire drive, which would allow residents to properly dispose of trash and junk tires.

Administrator Brobst said that the Community Center is still not accepting reservations and is closed to the public until further notice. However, Brobst Park shelter house reservations are currently being accepted. Shelters will officially open on May 1 as of now. Please contact Madison Township Administration at (614) 836-5308 to reserve a shelter house.

Administrator Brobst acknowledged that Madison Township has an ongoing nuisance property at 3435 S. Hamilton Rd. The Board has been told that this property is in foreclosure, preventing

the Township, Public Health, or the County from taking any actions at this time. It is understood that this property is more than an eyesore to the community, but the Township cannot legally do anything further.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported that the total current funds available are \$13,587,354.17. The department fund breakdown is:

Fire \$10,131,757.77
Police \$1,505,100.15
General \$962,897.36

Please note that fund breakdowns will not necessarily equal total funds available. This is due to several other, smaller funds for specific purposes.

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.

After Executive Session, once Open Session was resumed, it was decided to hire an additional police officer effective February 6, 2021, upon successful completion of regular pre-hire procedures. This will be the second police officer hired for the Madison Township Police Department this month.



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Board of Trustees Meeting February 9, 2021

Old Business

Administrator Brobst said that the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the current social media policy and proposed revisions. Trustee Pritchard asked what other municipalities and local governments allow on their Facebook pages. Administrator Brobst said that Groveport and Canal Winchester do allow comments, but she will ask other entities.

The Citizen Advisory Committee is currently reviewing the idea of expanding or moving the public comment section. Some thoughts have been shared with the Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, Ms. Chipps. Their comments will be shared with the Board.

Administrator Brobst mentioned that the website's fire and police statistics pages have been updated with the January numbers and redesigned to make the current reports more easily seen. She noted that the updated reports will usually be available near the middle of each month. Most of the Police Department's information comes from in-house reporting systems while most of the Fire Department's information comes from the City of Columbus Dispatching Center, which then is broken down further by the Township fire staff to create the reports that are posted.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson reported that the fire department has successfully purchased twenty-eight new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), fifty-six SCBA air cylinders, seventy-five facemasks, and twenty-eight voice amplifiers thanks to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Through the same grant, the department was able to purchase two vehicle exhaust removal systems, one at station 181 and one at station 182. Chief Robinson thanked all of those involved in the grant process, including Micky Smith from Ohio First Responders Grants, LLC.

Several firefighters were recognized for outstanding service by Assistant Fire Chief Adams. The first to be recognized were Lieutenant Andy Slivka and Firefighter Larry Baugess who were not in service, but responded to a nearby house fire. As first on the scene, they were able to begin extinguishing the fire before other companies arrived, preventing further damage to the structure. Second was Firefighter Justin Vermillion, who was off duty and with his family when he saw an emergency alert on an app called Pulse Point to a child choking nearby. He was first on the scene and was able to provide life-saving support until EMS arrived. The last was Firefighter Justin Osborne who saw a report of a missing person on social media, recognized

the person from a previous EMS run, and told his Battalion Chief, who contacted the Franklin County Sheriff. His action led to the conclusion of the incident with the family reunited with their child.

Police Chief York had a few items to report. First, the grant found by Trustee Reynolds in January through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for life-saving equipment, resources, and support. After assessing the needs of the police department, it was determined that there is an immediate need for additional safety equipment for Township officers. Chief York will be applying for the \$35,915.00 grant.

Chief York shared that the Madison Township Police Department has put the former detective back into uniform and out on patrol, increasing coverage on the streets. Therefore the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, who has a much larger team and more resources, will be handling investigations of property crimes, vehicle thefts, and violent crimes on behalf of the Township.

Chief York made a point to say that this change will not impact the level of professional law enforcement services currently provided by the Madison Township Police Department. Township officers will still be handling calls for service and taking reports of those violent crimes. They will also be assisting in the investigation and prosecution of misdemeanor level offenses.

Trustee Reynolds asked for Chief York to clarify whether or not residents need to change who they call for assistance? Chief York confirmed that Madison Township is still a primary resource for the community. The only change in the Police Department's communication is that Chief York is sending out letters every Friday to each crime victim updating them on the status of their case, or who they will need to contact from now on.

Administrator Brobst reported that the Ohio Township Association held their annual conference virtually, where all department heads and several elected officials participated.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported that the current balance is \$12,639,209.17 broken up into the following funds:

Fire \$9,382,068.89
Police \$1,337,008.83
General \$928,338.81
Public Works \$629,445.06

Any remaining balance is made up of several funds that are designated for specific uses.

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.

Following Executive Session, the board passed the following resolutions:

Establish that the Communication Specialist has completed the probationary period.

Approve seniority list for the promotion of part-time firefighters.

Reclass three firefighters from part time to full time upon successful completion of required testing and evaluations effective March 6, 2021.

Hire an additional officer, pending successful completion of required testing and evaluations, to start March 6, 2021.



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Board of Trustees Meeting March 9, 2021

Board Presentations

Officer Wonsick - 5 years of service

Officer Hummel - 10 years of service

Firefighter Smitherman - 20 years of service

Public Comments

Debbie Miller asked the Board about using vacant lots around the township for a community garden. Administrator Brobst responded that the topic had been discussed several years ago, and the Board at the time chose to go another direction due to several concerns. A couple of the barriers to having a community garden are having a stable supply of water and ample parking. One property mentioned was the vacant area across from Groveport Madison Middle School North. This land is owned by the school district.

Mrs. Miller then asked if the Township had any shelving or racking in surplus. The Fellowship Baptist Church is planning to expand their food pantry, for which they will need shelving. Administrator Brobst indicated that there was no shelving in the surplus list tonight.

Old Business

The County Prosecutor is still reviewing the social media comment policy.

Administrator Brobst updated the Board on the discussion surrounding holding a second section for Public Comment. Input from the Citizen Advisory Committee was presented to the Board before the meeting. Administrator Brobst asked to hear the thoughts of each trustee on the matter and for the board to decide on a direction of action.

After sharing individual views, the Board agreed to move the current Public Comment section to follow New Business and add a second Public Comment following the Department Reports, prior to the reading of the resolutions. There will be a six month trial period and will then be reviewed by the Board.

New Business

Columbus Metro Parks is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Trustees regarding a grant application to purchase several parcels of farmland in the southern section of Madison

Township. Administrator Brobst asked the Board for comments and discussion on the item and an approval or denial of the request for support.

The trustees were supportive of writing a letter.

Fire Chief Robinson reported that the Local 2507 Firefighters Union Easter Egg Hunt will not be taking place. He stated that the fire department and township supports the decision of Local 2507.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson shared the names of the Firefighters promoted to full-time status thanks to funding given by the SAFER Grant. These firefighters are Bayden Chandler, Mark Grizer, and Louis Lobello. The wages and benefits needed are covered by the grant for three years.

Chief Robinson announced that our back-up fire engine was placed in service on Saturday, March 6, at 7 am at Station 183 on Noe Bixby Rd. Station 183 was opened in 2018 to provide emergency medical services to the northern part of Madison Township. Since then it has been operating with a crew of three manning one ambulance. Now, Engine 183 and Medic 183 are both in service and able to provide emergency support in the area, including fire protection. The engine being used is the Madison Township Fire Department's reserve back-up engine.

A resolution regarding the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Fire Prevention Bureau is on the agenda, this was budgeted for this year. Chief Robinson is requesting to move up the replacement timeline due to significant repair costs associated with the current vehicle. The new truck can be acquired at less than State of Ohio Term Pricing and can be delivered in approximately 2 months.

Police Chief York announced, with regrets, that Patrol Commander Darrell Breneman has submitted his resignation effective March 11, 2021. Commander Brenemann joined the Department in December of 2011 and has been an active, respected, and well-liked member of the community ever since. The Madison Township Police Department wishes him luck in his new position with the Kettering Police Department.

Chief York then requested approval to submit a letter of commitment to City Ford for the lease-purchase of two cruisers to replace the cruisers scheduled for replacement this year.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins began his report by sharing the grades given to Madison Township's bridges, on township-maintained roads, by the Franklin County Engineer's office. They are as follows:

Berger Road over Big Run - Good
Rager Road over George's Creek - Satisfactory
Braun Road over Snyder Ditch - Very Good

Superintendent Watkins then discussed the resolutions on the night's meeting agenda to replace the department's dump truck with a new Class 7 dump truck. Financing will be secured through Huntington Bank using a 5-year lease. The total cost of the truck, with all of its necessary equipment, equals \$150,555.35.

Administrator Brobst alerted residents in the unincorporated areas of a postcard coming to them in the mail. She said there is information contained in the card from all departments and it is expected to be mailed by the end of March. There are plans for a second postcard to reach residents in the second half of the year.

Administrator Brobst then stated the intention of Madison Township was to acquire ownership of the properties at 3770 Tylor Dr. and 3519 Wyncote Rd. through the Franklin County Land Bank. The properties are currently owned by the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC). Resolutions on the agenda will request ownership be transferred to Madison Township, so they may be sold. The Township will regularly mow the properties in the meantime.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the balance on the books as \$11,986,185.41. Broken up into the following funds:

Fire	\$8,715,987.53
Police	\$1,153,226.92
Public Works	\$637,336.55
General	\$923,273.25

Any difference in the remaining balance is due to several funds designated for specific uses that are too numerous to report.

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.

Following Executive Session, it was resolved to reclass one firefighter from part-time to full-time, effective April 3, 2021, upon successful completion of all required testing and evaluations.

Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting April 13, 2021

Board Presentations

Lt. Rashid Taylor of the Madison Township Fire Department and President of Local 2507 thanked the Board of Trustees, Administrator Brobst, Fire Chief Robinson, and Assistant Fire Chief Adams for their support, tools, and resources during COVID-19 on behalf of the Madison Township Firefighters.

The Board of Trustees recognized the retirement of Police Officer Randy Bates, a 25-year veteran of the Madison Township Police Department. The members of the board thanked Officer Bates for his service and Chief York for recognizing him in such a way. Trustee Pritchard recommended that residents view the video of his last call on the Madison Township Facebook page.

Resolutions

Board approved to amend, for a six-month trial period, the Public Comment Rules to include moving the first Public Comment to after New Business and to add a second Public Comment section after Department Reports.

Old Business

Administrator Susan Brobst reminded the Board that the original intent of the social media platforms were to share information with the public. After consulting with the Franklin County Prosecutor, the board had the following discussion:

Trustee Pritchard recognized the nature of the Madison Township Facebook page as a means of disseminating information to residents. He expressed reservations on allowing comments to be seen because some people may abuse the comment section. Trustee Dildine agreed that the Madison Township Facebook page should not have comments seen at this time. Trustee Reynolds confirmed the board's position, stating that the Facebook page is a government page, and as such should be a reliable and trusted source of information.

New Business

AEP has contacted Madison Township to update their easements for electrical power lines in Brobst Park. There is a resolution on the agenda to allow for signature on the documents.

Work will begin on-site in February or March of 2022 and is expected to take 6 months. Updates include replacing the poles on the west side of the park, beyond the football field. Trustee Pritchard requested that the Public Works Superintendent make sure the neighbors are aware of this project, as well ensure that no trees in the park are to be removed unnecessarily.

Administrator Brobst spoke about Brobst park getting recycled plastic picnic tables from CARES Act funding, which are easier to clean and maintain. The wooden tables that were at Brobst park will be sold to two Boy Scout troops for \$1 per group. This was done after consulting with the Prosecutor. There are resolutions on the agenda tonight to declare the tables as surplus, then to sell the tables to Blacklick Troop #622 and the Canal Winchester Troop #3103.

Trustee Reynolds and the Madison Township Police Department have developed a voluntary registry of “at risk” residents who are prone to wandering and/or may have difficulty communicating with first responders. This registry would allow the police department to extend special care to our most vulnerable residents in Madison Township. Residents who are at-risk, or those who have a loved one who are at-risk, may voluntarily submit a form to be entered into the At-Risk Registry. The information provided in the registry will give Madison Township Police Officers more information before they arrive on the scene, saving valuable time. To learn more, or to register an adult or child with Alzheimer's, autism, dementia, mental illness, or other cognitive disorders, visit madisontownship.org/services.

Public Comment

Debbie Miller complimented the At-Risk Registry program.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Derek Robinson shared that the Apparatus Committee has dedicated many hours of research, designing, and planning for the purchase of a new fire engine for station 183. The following firefighters were thanked for their assistance:

Assistant Chief Adams
Battalion Chief Mark Ballenger
Lieutenant Doug Smith
Lieutenant Travis Bott
Lieutenant Howard Hahn
Firefighter Mike Bondra
Firefighter Drew Gable
Firefighter Zach Thomas
Firefighter Rob Crow

Chief Robinson shared that changes in staffing have opened up 12 part-time firefighter positions which will be filled by candidates for this round of hiring. Interviews will be conducted over the coming weeks and candidates should be presented to the board for hire in May.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Watkins reported that street sweeping has been completed and resulted in 27.62 tons of debris being hauled to the landfill. Superintendent Watkins also gave the final statistics for the winter season. In total, there were 17 snow and ice events resulting in 26.6 inches of snow. Materials used included 224 tons of salt and 3,600 gallons of

salt brine and beet juice at a cost of \$20,463.44. Public Works employees worked an extra 567 hours and drove 6,643 miles to clear the roads in Madison Township.

Administrator Brobst said that while the Community Center remains closed, the room is getting a fresh coat of paint. Spring maintenance of the flowerbeds is underway at the Community Center and Brobst Park. The park is also getting some updates in the form of new siding for the shelter houses. The new recycled tables have been placed on mulch and the benches on concrete pads. The Administrator thanked the Parks and Recreation and Public Works employees for their hard work at the park.

Fiscal Officer Laurie Vermeer reported the current balance of accounts is \$18,144,987.90. The balance is broken down into departments, listed below. Any discrepancies in totals are attributed to smaller funds for specific purposes.

Fire	\$13,580,824.33
Police	\$2,277,737.08
Public Works	\$640,626.11
General	\$1,212,575.48

Business of the Board

All business of the Board passed as presented.

Following the Executive Session, the board accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Police Officer Menshouse, effective April 12, 2021.



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Board of Trustees Meeting April 27, 2021

New Business

Bob Evans at 6085 Gender Road, Canal Winchester has applied for a liquor license to provide beer, wine, and low-proof mixed beverages. There have not been any reports for concern that would require the Board to request a hearing at this time.

Superintendent Dave Watkins reported that once a year the Franklin County Engineer Office coordinates a Township road resurfacing contract. The contract combines several projects from various townships into one large contract, saving money for all participants. With the funds acquired from the permissive license fees, Madison Township may be able to participate in this contract with the Franklin County Engineer. The areas of Edgewater Park and the Harriet Addition are being considered, including Chipman Road and Rager Road. More information should be available by the May 11 meeting.

Business of the Board

All business of the board passed as presented.



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Board of Trustees Meeting May 11, 2021

Proclamations

Trustee Pritchard read the Proclamation for May 9 through 15 being National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 2021. Trustee Reynolds read the National EMS Week Proclamation, which is May 16 through 22.

Old Business

Fire Chief Derek Robinson shared information regarding the purchase of the new fire engine for station 183 as mentioned in previous board meetings. The purchase of the engine now allows the older engine currently being used, to go back into reserves status. The new, more reliable, engine establishes a staggered replacement schedule for all engines. Having an engine at Station 183 keeps response times to the northern part of the township low and allows engines 181 and 182 to remain in service in their districts more often. The cost of the new fire engine is \$616,612.32. Trustee Dildine and Trustee Reynolds thanked Chief Robinson for the information.

Trustee Reynolds asked Chief Robinson to give more details on how the truck will provide better service to residents. Chief Robinson explained how the new truck being at Station 183 will provide faster service to the northern area of the Township than from Station 181 or Station 182. It also allows other trucks to stay in their districts, keeping them available for the residents near them. According to run data for 2020, Engine 181 and Engine 182 were taken out of their districts a combined 500+ times, leaving those districts down a fire engine while they responded to calls for service in 183's district. This truck carries advanced life support equipment, which allows an engine to respond and begin life saving measures until the transport vehicle arrives. Finally, having the engine at Station 183 could provide an insurance policyholder a better Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. Depending on the policyholder's insurance company and their rate structure they could see a reduction in premium.

Trustee Reynolds asked what was budgeted for the purchase of the engine? Chief Robinson said the engine was budgeted for \$675,000. The Apparatus Committee went with the engine because of the quality of the equipment, the substantial savings, the purchase from a local company, and the presence of a close service facility.

Trustee Pritchard pointed out that the average Madison Township Fire/EMS response time is between 4.5 to 6 minutes, while the surrounding areas have an average response time of 8.5 to 9 minutes. He then asked Chief Robinson what difference those minutes can make. Chief

Robinson responded by sharing how every minute that is saved in response time saves the patient 1 week of recovery time, according to Ohio Health. It also decreases the time the brain is without Oxygen, preventing irreversible damage.

Administrator Susan Brobst reported that the Township has received final paperwork for ownership of two vacant lots (3770 Tylor Dr. and 3519 Wyncote Dr.). A resolution is on the agenda to use the same reality company to handle the sale of both lots. If interested, people should call the Franklin County Zoning and Development Department at (614) 525-3094 for information on required permits, prior to submitting their offer on the properties.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Watkins listed the roads being submitted for consideration to the Franklin County Engineer Township Resurfacing Project in 2021:

Helen Drive (Grove Path to S. Hamilton Rd)
Katherine Drive (Grove Path to S. Hamilton Rd)
Madeline Drive (Grove Path to S. Hamilton Rd)
Grove Path (Katherine Dr to Helen Dr)
Barnes Path (Helen Dr to Katherine Dr)

New Business

Administrator Brobst said the Township received notice of three liquor permit renewals up July 1st. The Police Department has reviewed their records and while we have some reports on file for two of the three renewal establishments, most of the reports did not involve alcohol. Those few that did involve alcohol do not rise to the level to request a hearing with the Division. The Madison Township staff recommendation is to not request a hearing on any of the renewal permits.

An annexation petition has been filed on 48 acres of land on Hayes Rd. to the City of Groveport. A hearing will be held from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on June 8, 2021.

The owners of the same property to be annexed have requested the Township vacate the right-of-way on the unbuilt Rarey Road south of Hayes Rd. to the center of the Little Walnut Creek. The unbuilt road was used before Hayes Rd was completed to access Braun Rd. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight to authorize such and send notification to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson announced a new program in conjunction with the American Red Cross to provide battery-operated smoke detectors to Madison township residents, free of charge. The Fire Prevention Bureau and firefighter personnel can install and test the smoke detectors in residents' homes as needed. More details on how to participate will be shared on madisontownship.org as they become available. Chief also thanked Firefighter Kyle Fox for his

five-years of dedicated service to the Township, as he has decided to pursue other opportunities.

Police Chief Gary York announced that the department has entered into a new contract with the FOP for its bargaining employees, which is good until April 30, 2024. The new contract provides a 3% raise for the union members over the next three years. Also, the School Resource Officer memorandum of understanding with the Groveport Madison School District is set to expire June 30, 2021. The new contract will begin July 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent Watkins reported that the bidder for the car hauler sold on GovDeals.com defaulted on the payment. This item will be re-advertised in the near future to be listed again on GovDeals.com.

Administrator Brobst said that Aqua Ohio has begun their spring hydrant flushing. The flushing is scheduled for May 10 through May 24. Administrator Brobst also reminded residents to call the office at (614) 836-5308 or email sbrobst@madisontownship.org to report excessive grass overgrowth or trash in Madison Township. Administrator Brobst reminded the residents to check on their neighbors to see if they need help.

Fiscal Officer Laurie Vermeer reported the balance on the books as \$17,316,926.66 The other departments' available funds are listed below. As a reminder, any discrepancies in the reported total and combined funds are due to the existence of several other, small, specific funds not mentioned here.

Fire	\$12,662,561.68
Police	\$2,272,704.25
General	\$1,112,509.18
Public Works	\$660,013.87

Public Comment

Mrs. Miller asked if the Madison Township Police Department is looking at applications for police officers. Chief York said the department is in the background check phase of assessing an applicant now.

Mrs. Miller then asked if there are currently three officers off-duty due to illness or injury. Chief York said there is one officer on leave due to an off-duty incident.

Business of the Board

All business of the board passed as presented.

After Executive Session, the Board passed a resolution establishing a new job description for the Police Commander and a resolution for Commander Schleppe's agreement to the amended position.



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Board of Trustees Meeting May 25, 2021

Old Business

Administrator Brobst reminded the Board the OPWC project between the City of Groveport, Madison Township and the Franklin County Engineer's office will begin June 1st. Resident access will be maintained; however, no through traffic on Saltzgaber, Toy or Swisher Roads. Common detours will be Groveport Rd. and Alum Creek Dr.; however, additional road construction on these roads will take place this summer also. Caution and patience should be employed in the area.

New Business

Police Chief York announced the new online form to request a golf cart inspection by the Madison Township Police Department for Madison Township residents at no cost. The form can be found at www.madisontownship.org/services. Scroll down to "Golf Cart Inspections," read the registration requirements, and click on the link to the request form. If all is in order, you will be contacted within a few business days to schedule a time for an officer to visit.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Young asked Chief York when women's self-defense courses can be expected to resume, and how the information will be announced. Chief York responded that COVID-19 restrictions are still relevant, but there are conversations happening to discuss options for restarting the courses. Any information will be shared on the Madison Township Police Department's Facebook page. Trustee Pritchard asked if there was a kid's self-defense class that could be offered. Chief York mentioned talking about the idea, which was interrupted by the onset of COVID-19 last year. He agreed to look into the option.

Business of the Board

All business of the board passed as presented.

Following Executive Session, it was resolved to reclass one firefighter from part-time to full-time, effective June 12, 2021, upon successful completion of all required testing and evaluations.

Additionally, it was resolved to amend exhibit #026-2018 effective May 15, 2021.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting June 8, 2021

Board Presentations

Firefighter Joe Rider- Retirement flag for 32 years of service

Administrator Susan Brobst- 10 years of service

Firefighter Michael Miller- 5 years of service

Old Business

Administrator Brobst reported that she received an update from Trebel, LLC, about the Volunteer Energy Services pass-through charge that occurred this past winter. Refund checks will be sent to residents with natural gas accounts by July 31, 2021. Account holders will be refunded the pass-through rate of \$0.09/Ccf on their March 2021 usage. Scott Belcastro of Trebel will be available to answer questions at the June 22 Board of Trustees meeting, or residents may call Trebel at 1 (800) 861-2772.

Police Chief York announced that a women's self-defense course will be offered in the Madison Township Community Center on June 19 from 8 am to noon. The class size is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required. Please call (614) 836-5355 to register. The class is free of charge and open to females age 12 and up.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins shared that Madison Township, in conjunction with Canal Winchester and Franklin County Public Health, will be hosting a tire drive on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am to noon at C3 Church at 6305 Waterloo Rd. NW, Canal Winchester. More information will be shared towards the end of the month. This tire collection effort is funded through an Ohio EPA grant.

New Business

Madison Township has been made aware that AQUA Ohio will be filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a potential increase in water and sewage rates in Franklin, Ashland, and Summit Counties for infrastructure improvements. The final decision from PUCO is expected to be made in late 2021 to take effect in the first quarter of 2022. AQUA Ohio has estimated the average bill will be increased by \$5.76 per month for water and \$4.84 per month for sewer. Madison Township will share any information available at a future meeting once the final decision is made by the Public Works Commission of Ohio.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer said that there is a resolution on the agenda to establish credit and debit cards as an accepted form of payment for Madison Township services. There will be a minimum charge of \$10 plus convenience fees. The Administration office will have the ability to process payments over the phone or in person.

Public Comment

Resident Debbie Miller mentioned concerns at Harbor and Noe Bixby with the traffic light being frequently run, cars being parked illegally on Harbor, and vehicles speeding on several other roads. Chief York said that remaining vigilant is a good driving habit and drivers should not rely on others to follow traffic laws to protect themselves. Officers are in the area at various times, actively enforcing traffic violations. He said that if there is an issue, please call the police department before posting on social media, during business hours, (614) 836-5355. That is the best way to help officers narrow down the problem areas.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson thanked the City of Groveport, specifically Councilman Edward Dildine, Administrator BJ King, and Superintendent Brian Strayer, for their support in upgrading the fire hydrants in Groveport by adding adapters to the existing hydrants, allowing for faster and more universal hose connections. The program has already adapted 65 hydrants in Groveport in 2021.

Police Chief York mentioned a resolution on the agenda to request a promotional assessment for the position of Sergeant. The list will be used to determine how to fill the next vacancy, which may occur before April 30, 2023.

Chief York also talked about a COPS Hiring Program grant submission through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The Madison Township Police Department will be applying for the grant, with the Board of Trustees permission, to cover up to 75% of the cost of hiring a new officer. Chief York thanked Trustee Reynolds, Fiscal Officer Vermeer, and Administrative Assistant Hoy for their assistance.

Administrator Brobst shared that reservations for the Community Center will start to be taken on June 17, 2021, at 8 am for events happening July 15 through the end of 2021. Reservations will be accepted via the phone or walk-in only. In order to keep scheduling fair, one person may only hold 2 events in the books at any given time. Once the first event has concluded, another date may be scheduled. Pricing has not changed from previous years. Madison Township residents pay \$20 for the first 4 hours and \$10 per hour for each additional hour. Non-residents pay \$20 per hour, for a minimum of 2 hours. As Fiscal Officer Vermeer said in New Business, credit and debit cards can now be taken, along with cash or check payment with the completed reservation paperwork.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer said there is a resolution on the agenda to set the date of July 13 at 6 pm for the public hearing on the Tax Budget.

The total cash on the books was reported as \$15,974,136.55. The other departments' available funds are listed below. As a reminder, any discrepancies in the reported total and combined funds are due to the existence of several other, small, specific funds not mentioned here.

Fire \$11,844,910.08
Police \$1,975,577.62
General \$1,059,639.44
Public Works \$671,237.02

Public Comment

Debbie Miller asked what could be done by the residents to prevent the increase. Trustee Pritchard said that the more residents who speak to the PUCO the better. He reminded Mrs. Miller that AQUA Ohio is a private company and the Township has no official role in the matter. He encouraged her to gather as much information as possible and take it to the PUCO. Trustee Dildine said that Bob Garvin has a copy of the original deed and information on the water service of the Blacklick Estates area. Trustee Reynolds said that it is important to her that residents are not struggling with their water bills, and while there is nothing Madison Township can do on the front end, the Township wants to help as much as possible on the back end. If the American Rescue Funds are made available to Townships, she hopes to help the Human Needs and Human Services agencies again. There are no promises, because the money may not be made available, but Madison Township does want to help.

Trustee Pritchard confirmed that the first July Board of Trustees meeting will be open to the public. He also asked the public to please call the administrative office with comments, questions, and concerns about the streaming process. This is the first time broadcasting in this way, and technical issues have been noticed.

Business of the Board

All business of the board passed as presented.

After Executive Session concluded, it was resolved to hire one police officer effective June 26, 2021, upon successful completion of all required testing and evaluations.

Additionally, it was resolved to amend resolution #109-2020 effective June 12, 2021.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting June 22, 2021

Board Presentations

Scott Belcastro of Trebel LLC shared that three electric aggregation bids were received for the upcoming contract opportunity. The aggregation committee recommended accepting Volunteer Energy for a 24 month contract period beginning in December of 2021 at a fixed rate of 0.04590/kwh. Budget billing, no early termination fee, and no fee to join later will remain.

The contract also offers a rate of 0.04990/kwh for “green” energy. Anyone wishing to use the separate energy source will need to call Volunteer Energy later this year to let them know. More information will be provided later.

Old Business

To help control the mosquito population this summer, Madison Township and the City of Canal Winchester, in partnership with Franklin County Public Health, will be hosting a tire collection drive on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am to noon. It will be held at C3 Church at 6305 Waterloo Rd. NW, Canal Winchester. Madison Township and Canal Winchester residents are able to bring up to 10 rimless tires from passenger vehicles for disposal. Franklin County Public Health will be providing larvicide tablets for further mosquito prevention.

Trustee Pritchard asked if larger tires can be brought in. Administrator Brobst said to call into the administrative office before the collection so Franklin County Public Health can be asked if it is possible on a case-by-case basis.

Both of the vacant lots owned by Madison Township in Blacklick Estates have been sold.

New Business

Fire Chief Robinson announced that the Madison Township Fire Department, in partnership with Truro Township Fire Department and Franklin County Public Health, will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic this Saturday, June 26, from 10 am until 2 pm at 3228 Noe Bixby Rd. The vaccine offered will be the single dose from Johnson & Johnson for ages 18 and older.

Appointments can be scheduled at <https://armorvax-app.azurewebsites.net/Account/Login>. Click “Register” on the left, and fill out the required fields. After filling out the forms, click “Schedule an Appointment.” Then select the Madison Township Fire Department as the location. Fill out the questionnaire and select the time of your choice. There is no residency requirement to receive this vaccination. Photo identification is preferred, but not required for a vaccination.

Trustee Pritchard explained a resolution on the agenda establishing a policy of transparency in the Madison Township Police Department. The new policy sets a standard of critical incidents captured on video from the police body-worn cameras or dashboard cameras should be made available to the public within 24 hours, or as soon as practicable. Some footage may take longer due to the privacy of those in the video, state law regulations, and the presence of an ongoing investigation.

Trustee Pritchard said that having the video available to residents shows the transparency of Madison Township; and that by having a resolution, as opposed to an internal policy of transparency, this will last through the different boards, elected officials, Police Chiefs, and Administrators.

Trustee Reynolds said she was happy to see Madison Township take leadership on this issue, and it is a step in the right direction. This resolution will battle mistrust with the public.

Trustee Dildine said that this is a great tool for residents.

Business of the Board

All business of the board passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting July 13, 2021

Board Presentations

Firefighter Larry Baugess- Badge One Recipient

Firefighter Jason Osborne- 25 Years of Service

Fire Inspector Steve Owens- 20 Years of Service

Firefighter Sheldon Faller- 5 Years of Service

Old Business

Police Chief York shared that the police department did not receive the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for safety equipment. However, they are requesting permission from the Board to apply for the next round of available grant monies.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins announced which roads are to be repaired thanks to the Franklin County Engineer Township Resurfacing Program. Rager Rd., Helen Dr., Katherine Dr., Madeline Dr., Barnes Path, and Grove Path will get a cold mix overlay thanks to the motor vehicle tax and gas tax, while Chipman Rd. will get a full reclamation and curb replacement. Additionally, the Franklin County Engineer will be patching and resurfacing Hayes Rd. between Lithopolis Rd. and Pontius Rd., the intersection of Richardson Rd. and Groveport Rd., the intersection of Richardson and London Lancaster Rd., Noe Bixby Rd. between Crosscreek Dr. and Hatfield Dr., and Winchester Pike between Schwartz Rd. and Hamilton Rd.

New Business

Police Chief York informed those gathered that the Police Department now has a bicycle registration on the website to make connecting lost and/or stolen bikes back with their owners easier. A recovered bike will be cross-referenced with the list for the hopeful return to the owner. The registration form can be found online at www.madisontownship.org/services.

Chief York is seeking board approval to apply for another grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for additional dashboard cameras and upgraded body-worn cameras to enhance transparency and accountable policing.

Administrator Brobst brought up a grant offered through SWACO to get all new 64-gallon recycling carts for Madison Township residents, specifically in unincorporated areas. The new carts would replace the smaller green bins and the Township could purchase them at a

significantly reduced cost of only \$5 each after the grant funding is applied. SWACO would then distribute them to the residents. The Board must decide if they wish to participate in the grant program by this fall. Residents can share their opinions by taking a survey that will be linked on the website at a later date. The Community Advisory Committee will be conducting further research in the coming weeks.

Public Comments

Mr. Roy Mathena expressed concern over speeding vehicles creating dangerous conditions on residential streets, specifically Dunloe Rd. He said there were cars running stop signs on a regular basis. Speed bumps were mentioned. Superintendent Watkins said that he will look into ways to get drivers to slow down that would not slow emergency response times and inhibit inclement weather responses. Chief York took the information and is looking into enforcement options, in conjunction with the ticketing and stopping of offending vehicles. Speed trailers were brought up, as well as residents calling the non-emergency line and reporting during problem times.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Robinson said that the Fire Department has been approved to use leftover grant money from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to install a Vehicle Exhaust Removal System at station 183. The cost of the system will be \$48,053.00, of which Madison Township is only responsible for \$4,805.30.

Chief York also reported that Jayden Duckworth of Boy Scout Troop 622 in Groveport designed, built, and donated an American Flag drop box for his Eagle Scout project. Residents are free to use this dropbox for their retired American Flags. Troop 622 will collect the flags periodically for a proper retirement ceremony, to be hosted every July.

Administrator Brobst shared that a total of 435 tires were collected on Saturday, July 10 at the tire collection drive hosted by the City of Canal Winchester, through a partnership with Franklin County Public Health and Madison Township. This was well over the expected amount; much to the pleasure of everyone involved. Administrator Brobst thanked the City of Canal Winchester and Franklin County Public Health for making this possible. Administrator Brobst revealed that another tire drive is being planned for the fall.

Administrator Brobst also announced the contracting of Hennes Communication for emergency communication consulting during critical incidents. Compensation of this company will be on an as-needed basis during critical incidents.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer stated that the 2022 Tax Budget Hearing was on this agenda, just before the Business of the Board. Fiscal Officer Vermeer then reported the cash balance of Madison Township is \$14,468,282.95. She then reported the cash funds of each department. As a reminder, any discrepancies in the reported total and combined funds are due to the existence of several other, small, specific funds not mentioned here.

Fire \$10,463,520.27
Police \$ 1,793,385.85
General \$1,119,949.92
Public Works \$680,238.39

2022 Tax Budget Hearing

The 2022 Tax Budget Hearing was held during the regular meeting. The approved budget will be submitted to the County Budget Commission.

Ms. Debbie Miller asked if the budget includes funding for more officers. Fiscal Officer Vermeer confirmed that there is funding for the hire of an officer this year in the budget. It should be noted that the current number of patrol officers is 12, which is the same as 2019 and 2017's staffing, and more than 2013's staffing. This does not include the Chief, Commander, or Sergeants, who also patrol. Trustee Pritchard pointed out that there are always at least two officers patrolling per shift, and sometimes more.

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.

Following Executive Session, the Board passed a resolution to approve a new job description for the Police Office Manager. The Board also passed a resolution to reclassify Sarah Hoy as the Police Office Manager, effective July 10, 2021.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting July 27, 2021

Board Presentations

No Board Presentations

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Robinson announced that the Local 2507 Madison Township Firefighters Union will be hosting an outdoor movie night at Station 183 on August 13. Come anytime after 7:45 pm, the movie will begin at 8:45 pm. They will be showing "The Incredibles" and providing free refreshments. Please bring your own chairs and/or blankets.

Fire Chief Robinson informed the board that there is a resolution on the agenda to purchase a new fire engine to be delivered mid-2023 allowing for a replacement of Engine 181, which would move to the reserve position. This is in order to avoid a drastic price increase of at least \$60,000 to \$70,000 on August 1, and additional increases in 2022. He reminded the board that Station 183 is using the department's reserve engine until the engine ordered last year is delivered. The reserve engine is a 2005 Sutphen that is nearing the end of its service life. A second new engine will allow Station 181's 2016 Pierce Velocity engine to be the new reserve when the 2023 arrives.

Police Chief York reported that due to a cruiser being struck during a traffic stop earlier this month, there is a resolution on the agenda to purchase a replacement cruiser, which is available through John Jones Dealership, where the other Durango's have been previously purchased. Since the insurance company totaled the cruiser, this would be a replacement purchase and not a lease purchase as the three cruisers were earlier this year. An additional resolution for Copsgear will allow for purchase and installation of the equipment for this cruiser.

Public Comments

None

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting August 10, 2021

Old Business

Fire Chief Robinson reminded everyone of the movie night on Friday, August 13. Guests may arrive as early as 7:45 pm and the showing of The Incredibles will begin at 8:45 pm. Guests should bring their own chairs and blankets for the outdoor viewing. Refreshments will be provided. In the case of rain, the movie will be shown inside the equipment bay.

Administrator Brobst presented updates to the board about the process for residents to speak with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. As a reminder, Madison Township has no say in the water or sewage rates in the area. Residents should contact the PUCO with any questions or concerns. That information is posted at madisontownship.org/important-information.

New Business

Administrator Brobst announced that reservations for dates in 2022 for the Madison Township Community Center will begin to be taken on September 15, 2021. Information on reservations will be available at madisontownship.org/facility-rentals-1.

There is a resolution on the agenda to participate in OneOhio, an opioid settlement program with the big three distributors. It is currently unknown how much the township will be eligible to receive, but the settlement will fund community needs to fight the opioid epidemic. For more information on this topic, visit recoveryohio.gov. Trustee Reynolds clarified that Madison Township must opt-in to this program now in order to be a part of the settlement payout.

Department Reports

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$19,411,102.21. She then reported the following account balances. Please note that any discrepancies in totals are due to several small, specific funds not written here.

Fire \$14,034,998.21
Police \$2,710,433.90
General \$1,269,070.93
Public Works \$749,482.51

Business of the Board

All business passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting August 24, 2021

Old Business

The Madison Township Fire Department, Violet Township Fire Department, Hocking College, and Eastland Fairfield Career and Technical School have partnered to create a program for high school seniors that will guide them through a firefighter certification program. Students split their day between their regular schools and the firefighter program. The students will be ready to take their State of Ohio firefighter certification test after they graduate from high school. Students will then be eligible to begin their basic EMT training, allowing them to become certified within the summer after graduation. These two certifications are requirements for most fire services in the state of Ohio. There are currently 20 students enrolled in the program.

New Business

Administrator Brobst had several items on the agenda for discussion. First, she presented the information that Ohio House Bill 168 has set aside a fund for water, stormwater, and wastewater improvement projects. A resolution on the agenda tonight allows the township to apply for funding to improve drainage at Brobst Park.

Second, there is another resolution on the agenda to apply for funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission for road improvements.

Administrator Brobst reminded the board of a resolution on the agenda to approve the renewal of the Township's health insurance with minor updates from the previous years.

The Administrator also shared that the U.S. Treasury has funds available through the American Rescue Program. The request must be made by September 4, 2021. All funds must be encumbered by December 31, 2024 or returned. The final totals will not be known until after all requests are submitted. The board will be updated as more information becomes available.

Business of the Board

All business passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting September 14, 2021

Board Presentations

Battalion Chief Mark Ballenger was recognized with a service award for his 25 years of service to the Madison Township Fire Department.

Constable Angie Gamblin was promoted to Sergeant of the Madison Township Police Department. Sgt. Gamblin has been with the department for 3 years.

David Reutter with Franklin County Soil and Water and Nathan Ralph with Franklin County Public Health updated the Board on the required permit for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System the township is required to maintain.

Trustee Pritchard asked Mr. Ralph if grants are still available for residents having trouble with their home septic system. He said there were, and more information could be found online at my.fcph.org.

Old Business

Administrator Brobst gave an update on the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant application process. Unfortunately, she reported that Madison Township's project was not selected to move forward.

Chief Robinson and Administrator Brobst thanked everyone that attended and participated in the 9/11 Ceremony held this past Saturday at Motts Military Museum. There was a record-setting attendance for the 20th anniversary.

New Business

Administrator Brobst said that a copy of an annexation request for 34.9 acres at 5141 Ebright Rd to the City of Columbus was received in the administration office. As an Expedited Type 2 Annexation, it will remain in Madison Township, but adhere to Columbus' development requirements.

Administrator Brobst also reported that the ethernet cable and conduit initially installed when the complex was built needs to be replaced. Temporary fixes have kept the Public Works, Administration, and Fire Department buildings working for the last few years, but it is clear that a permanent solution is needed. She said there is a resolution on the agenda to install new conduit and fiber throughout the complex. The quote for this work comes to \$36,178.92, which will be prorated between departments based on employees.

Police Chief York said that the department is conducting background checks on two applicants.

Chief York proposed sending a survey out to residents about when they would prefer Beggar's Night to be held this year. Last year Beggar's night was moved to Saturday due to weather, and received a lot of positive feedback about the change for several reasons. The trustees agreed that the survey would provide good input.

Administrator Brobst spoke about alcohol consumption and excessive litter at Brobst Park being an ongoing issue. Additional signage has been put up at the park, but unfortunately has not made a noticeable impact. She said that staff recommends the Board consider both short- and long-term solutions; like closing the park earlier in the day, closing the restrooms, installing security cameras, or charging for shelter rental. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

Trustee Pritchard asked if the people reserving them were residents or not. Administrator Brobst will look into that. Trustee Dildine asked if other local municipalities are having the same issue. Administrator Brobst said that other locations have expressed issues. Trustee Reynolds and Trustee Pritchard both expressed several ideas for curbing the issue, which Administrator Brobst agreed to look into.

Department Reports

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$18,319,044.62. She then reported the following account balances. Please note that any discrepancies in totals are due to several small, specific funds not written here.

Fire \$13,025,614.24
Police \$2,587,359.33
General \$1,313,848.00
Public Works \$767,738.02

Business of the Board

All business passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting September 28, 2021

Board Presentations

Scott Belcastro of Trebel, LLC spoke to the board about the upcoming contract renewal for natural gas aggregation. Gas rates currently are more than double the rate they were in April 2021, and there is no savings to gain through an agreement. Mr. Belcastro, the committee, and Administrator Brobst recommended allowing Trebel to continue to watch the market pricing and put parameters in place allowing Trebel to lock in a lower rate at the appropriate time. If the rates do not drop below the going rate, the aggregation program will not continue, and residents will resort back to standard utility rates.

On the agenda, there is a resolution to allow Trebel to enter into a 12 month program by October 26th if the fixed adder drops to or below \$0.17/ccf and and the fixed rate drops below \$0.60/ccf. Questions should be directed to Scott Belcastro with Trebel at 1 (877) 861-2772.

Old Business

Fire Chief Robinson announced that the fire department's open house has been canceled due to concerns over the Delta variant.

Police Chief York reminded those gathered to complete the Beggar's Night survey to help the township determine when the event should be held. The survey is live on www.madisontownship.org/important-information until Monday, October 4th at 8 am.

Administrator Brobst said the tire drive is continuing as planned. The collection will be taking place Wednesday, October 6th from 2 pm until 7 pm. If the dumpster is filled before 7 pm, the event will conclude early. The collection will be at the Brobst Park athletic field. Residents of Madison Township, both incorporated and unincorporated, are welcome. Participants should bring proof of address and no more than 10 rimless passenger vehicle tires.

Next, Administrator Brobst gave an update on the Franklin County Engineer and Ohio Public Works Commission's ongoing road project on Toy Rd., Swisher Rd., and Saltzgaber Rd. She said the Toy and Swisher portions are wrapping up, while the Saltzgaber project has experienced some delays. She also said the Franklin County Engineer is looking into closing Toy Rd. between the two bulbs recently installed to help cut down on traffic. A public meeting will be held October 13th via Zoom on the topic, hosted by the Franklin County Engineer.

Trustee Reynolds asked if there were other opportunities through the county or OPWC for road improvements. Administrator Brobst said she has been keeping an eye out.

Administrator Brobst shared the results of the survey about recycling containers and the grant through SWACO to purchase them. She mentioned there were several comments made in the survey which exposed the lack of understanding that recycling is a part of the current contract and that all residents are able to recycle at no charge. Residents were overwhelmingly open to the idea of new totes. However, she said that the cost of the containers has risen significantly since the original quote was gathered, putting the totes out of budget. She recommended the board still pass the resolution to submit a letter of intent, as the program is on hold until prices go back down. Likely, this will be in 2022 or possibly later.

New Business

Chief York announced that the police department has been equipped with new Glock 9mm duty-issued handguns and holsters. The new firearms are lighter, have better grip, and have less recoil than our previous models. All officers will be qualified and their equipment issued by the end of the week. Trustee Reynolds asked what was done with the old weapons. Chief York said the old weapons were traded in to offset the cost. Trustee Pritchard mentioned that there were several other unneeded weapons traded in, along with old ammunition, which made the cost of the new weapons negligible. He also stated that the new handguns hold 3 more rounds, which could be the difference between life and death.

A resolution on the agenda would allow for the sale of a vacant lot at 3477 Rohr Rd. to be sold to the Franklin County Engineer to facilitate the construction of a roundabout at 317 and Rohr Rd. The county does not currently have a time frame for this project.

There is a resolution on the agenda to allow the Administrator to extend Madison Township's agreement with Franklin County Public Health for mosquito management with a 1.5% increase in cost of services each year. Trustee Dildine asked how many times a year the township would be sprayed. Administrator Brobst explained that the amount of sprays depends on resident reporting and results of testing mosquitoes in traps around the township.

Public Comment

Trustee Reynolds solicited opinions from the residents in attendance on the gas aggregation program. Debbie Miller said that the information for this topic needs to be shared with the residents and that people should know that gas prices are high everywhere.

Scott Belcastro said he is looking forward to the Santa parade and wanted to know if it would happen in 2021. Administrator Brobst said it was too early to make that decision.

Business of the Board

All business passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting October 12, 2021

Special Meeting

A special meeting was held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss each department's budget priorities for the coming year.

Old Business

Police Chief York announced that Madison Township's Beggars Night will be held on Thursday, October 28 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Locations for the treat stations with police officers and firefighters will be announced closer to the event. Additional officers will be on duty with increased patrols.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins reported that the October 6th tire collection was a great success. The Public Works Department collected 586 tires, totaling 7.49 tons and filling nearly 3 dumpsters. 55% of the tires were from unincorporated residents, 43% from Canal Winchester and Groveport residents, and 2% from other, smaller areas. Trustee Reynolds asked if more tire drives could be done. Administrator Brobst said that while more tire collections would be great, cost was a limiting factor. Partnerships with the cities and Franklin County Public Health would be the best way to go in the future.

New Business

Fire Chief Robinson thanked the Knowlton Development Corporation for their donation of an inflatable fire safety house for the education of the area's children. Chief Robsinson specially thanked Jeff Keller, the Regional Facilities and Compliance Director of KDC, and the Fire Prevention Bureau for their work in making the safety house a reality. This inflatable safety house can be taken to different events, schools, daycares, etc. for mobile safety education. The total value of the donation equals \$6,245.00.

Trustee Dildine asked if any other departments have a safety house of this nature. Chief Robinson said that this is the first of this particular type, though Norwich Township has another type of inflatable safety house.

Trustee Pritchard asked how the Fire Department plans to thank KDC. Chief Robinson said there were plans for signage, public recognition on the Township Facebook page, and an event where the local papers will be invited.

Administrator Brobst reported that a type 2 annexation to Canal Winchester request has been received for a property totaling 69.086 acres along Bixby and Rager Road.

Department Reports

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$17,986,803.25. She then reported the following account balances. Please note that any discrepancies in totals are due to several small, specific funds not written here.

Fire \$12,285,339.29

Police \$2,388,737.84

General \$1,253,959.16

Public Works \$778,447.74

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.



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Madison Township Express

Special Board of Trustees Meeting October 22, 2021

Business of the Board

The following resolutions were passed by the Madison township Board of Trustees at the special meeting:

To hire one police officer pending the successful completion of required evaluations and testing.

To declare a nuisance property.

To enter an agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff for fingerprinting and DNA testing.



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Madison Township Express

Board of Trustees Meeting November 9, 2021

Board Presentations

Fire Chief Derek Robinson recognized Devin Pruden for his 5 years of service to Madison Township.

On behalf of the Local 2507 Firefighters Union, Firefighter Young presented a gift of \$3,753.53 to Warren Motts of Motts Military Museum for the construction of the September 11th Memorial wing of his museum. Mr. Motts thanked those in attendance for their support.

John Jones spoke about the Firefighters 4 Kids program. Families with children ages 0-12 years who are in need of assistance this Christmas can sign up for help at Madison Township Fire Station 181 on November 26, 27, 28, and 29 from 9 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm until 4 pm. Those wishing to sign up will need to provide proof of residence in Groveport Madison School District or Canal Winchester School District, proof of need in the form of SNAP or HEAP, a photo ID, a birth certificate of the child, and child custody paperwork, if applicable.

New, unwrapped toys will be accepted at any fire department in Franklin County from the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Day.

Old Business

Police Chief Gary York reported that he and Administrator Brobst met with Fairfield County Sheriff Lape and others to discuss radio communication issues in Canal Winchester. Canal Winchester law enforcement services are contracted through the Fairfield County Sheriff and also receive coverage from Madison Township officers, but the two entities are on different radio systems that have trouble talking to each other. According to a Motorola representative, upgrades to the radio systems in Franklin County should resolve the issue.

There is a resolution on the agenda for Madison Township to purchase new portable and car radios for the department. They will be under a lease-purchase agreement, allowing payments to be spread out over the next 4 years. This will allow needed updates to the life-saving equipment officers use all day, every day.

The Public Works Superintendent Dave Watkins shared that there is a resolution on the agenda to purchase a Kobelco model SK55SRC rubber-tracked excavator at a discounted cost from

Southeastern Equipment. The excavator will be safer and more efficient than the backhoe currently in use to replace culverts, clean ditches, and make storm drain repairs.

Administrator Susan Brobst announced that the annual Santa Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 1:30 pm. There will be no stops made at schools, but the parade route has been expanded to include a larger area in Blacklick Estates. The final parade route will be announced after Thanksgiving via email, Facebook, and the Madison Township website.

Brobst Park has new winter hours. The park will open at 8 am, as per usual, and close at 4:30 pm on weekdays and as close to 4:30 pm on weekends and holidays as possible.

There is a resolution on the agenda to write and send a letter of support to the County Commissioners regarding the Franklin County Engineer's plan to close Toy Rd. in the area of the newly installed bulbs.

Franklin County Metro Parks was awarded the grant to purchase approximately 280 acres of farmland in the southern portion of the township. They are in contract to purchase the land now.

Administrator Brobst reported on the number of calls the administration office has been receiving from residents that are getting other offers for a natural gas program. She reminded those gathered that the unstable price market for natural gas is causing an aggregation agreement to not be favorable to residents at this time.

In December all residents participating in the Township gas aggregation program will automatically be switched to the Columbia Gas default rate, which is cheaper than what the aggregation would have been able to secure at this time.

Once the Township is able to secure a favorable deal with a new supplier, a notification will be sent out to residents for review, and they will be automatically enrolled in the new aggregation. As before, residents can opt-out at any time.

While the gas aggregation is on hold for better prices, the electric aggregation was able to secure a lower price per kilowatt hour (kwh) for residents participating in the program. The new agreement lasts from December 2021 through December 2023 for a rate of \$0.0459/kwh. The expiring contract has a rate of \$0.0494/kwh.

Remember, there are no fees to join or opt-out of the Township's aggregation program.

Trustee Pritchard reminded those in attendance that the aggregation programs were previously voted in by township residents. He said that he had seen mention of "kickbacks" from utility providers online. This information is false. There are no perks provided to Madison Township or the trustees for these aggregation programs. He emphasized that the aggregation programs are

for the sole purpose of saving residents money and residents are able to opt-out at any time at no cost to them.

New Business

Fire Chief Derek Robinson reported that a driveway extension is being installed at Fire Station 183 to better accommodate emergency response apparatus. A resolution on the agenda will allow for the project to continue with the use of Heiberger Paving as the contractor to perform the paving, since they have done exemplary work for the fire department in the past and are a local company.

Department Reports

Public Works Superintendent Dave Watkins said that the Chipman Road project is complete. The road was fully reclaimed and the curbs replaced. He thanked those involved for their hard work. The total cost came to around \$235,000.

Trustee Pritchard and Trustee Reynolds inquired about the average cost of road projects like this. Superintendent Watkins shared it typically costs around \$500,000 to replace the asphalt on one mile of curb and gutter. More extensive projects, like Chipman Road, cost more per mile. Grants and other programs are being explored for future road projects.

Administrator Brobst shared the reservation statistics for Brobst park in the past season. There were a total of 120 reservations; 57 were residents of the Township and 63 were not residents. Madison Township received \$210.00 in donations for the park.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$16,473,758.33. She then reported the following account balances. Please note that any discrepancies in totals are due to several small, specific funds not written here.

Fire \$11,507,404.45
Police \$2,221,067.71
General \$1215615.16
Public Works \$787,277.16

Business of the Board

All Business of the Board passed as presented.

After Executive Session, the following resolutions were passed:

Updating the job descriptions of Public Works Maintenance Technicians 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Updating the job description of Public Works Foreman.

Revising the base pay scale for the Public Works Department.



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Board of Trustees Meeting December 14, 2021

Special Budget Meeting

The annual budget meeting was held before the regular meeting. Each department listed the notable items in the budgets and noted any significant changes or additions.

Assistant Fire Chief Adams spoke about increase in vehicle maintenance costs, capital improvement projects for the stations carried over from 2021 due to high material costs, vehicle and apparatus replacement schedules, new nozzles for the fire hoses, a new power-loading cot for medics, and exterior building camera for all stations. He also reminded those gathered that 2022 marks the beginning of the second year of the 3-year SAFER grant which reimburses the salaries and benefits of 3 full-time firefighters.

The police department is planning on the hiring of a Police Commander in 2022, a total of 3 police officer positions, select station renovations, a 50-year anniversary of the department recognition, an increase in the small tool fund, and an increase in funding for required training.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins said an evaluation of the roads will be done after the winter season to identify damage and then recommendations for prioritizing repairs.

Parks and Recreation capital items include money for a new septic system, as parts for repairing the current system are getting more difficult to find, and replacement of the backstop fencing. A grant application to the State Capital Budget will be made for improvements to the Brobst Park drainage issue.

Administrator Brobst mentioned an increase in 2022 mailings to be distributed to residents and the plan to continue to hold two tire collection drives.

Board Presentations

Trustee Edward Dildine received a folded American flag that was flown over each Madison Township building in recognition of his 12 years of service as a Township Trustee.

Old Business

The six-month trial period for the public comment has concluded. Each trustee shared their thoughts on the new structure of having two separate public comment opportunities per regular

meeting. After discussion, it was determined an official policy update will be adopted during the next regular board meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Adams said the Santa parade was a success. Over 1,000 goody bags were distributed to the children along the parade route, and approximately 500 bags were given out as available to children in the other areas of the township. He thanked the partnering sponsors of the bags, the Eastland Fairfield Police Cadets who assembled them, and the volunteers who distributed them.

The closure of Toy Road was approved by the Franklin County Commissioners. Toy Road is now closed between Swisher Rd and Centerpointe Parkway.

The new dump truck for the Public Works Department has been received. The new truck has an automated control for salt and brine application that is more efficient than the manual application the previous truck required. This will replace the 16-year-old dump truck.

The natural gas aggregation contract Madison Township had with Columbia Gas has expired, meaning all residents who were enrolled in the aggregation program have returned to standard Columbia Gas pricing by default. A new contract was not signed because the available rates have been so high, a contract locking in those high prices would not be beneficial to customers in the long run.

While Columbia Gas will still be the company residents deal with, their supplier may change. For more information on this, please call Columbia Gas of Ohio at 1 (800) 344-4077.

Madison Township does anticipate another aggregation contract in the future, though an exact date is not known. The township's aggregation consultant is watching gas rates continuously and will be working to secure a contracted rate when they dip at or below the current rate. Information on that and the opt-out forms required by the PUCO will be sent out to residents when available. For more information on the Township aggregation programs, please call Trebel LLC at 1 (877) 861-2772.

New Business

On the agenda is a resolution to amend the complaint policy to allow for review of submitted complaints before determining if an actual policy has been violated. All complaints will still be reviewed and responded to. Not all rise to the level of discipline, but may provide opportunities for individual or departmental training. The resolution on the agenda will establish a 2-step process for evaluating all complaints.

Another resolution on the agenda allows the aggregation consultant, Trebel LLC, to complete the necessary paperwork for aggregation and submit it to the PUCO on the Township's behalf. This agreement is valid through December 31, 2024.

Additionally, a resolution on the agenda allows Trebel LLC to continue shopping for lower gas and electric rates for a set period of time under set parameters. The addendum permits Trebel LLC to act quickly to secure lower rates for gas or electric service, while requiring approval at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Madison Township received an annexation petition for 4526 Gender Rd to Columbus. The .527 acre property is to remain in Madison Township. The petition will go before the Franklin County Board of Commissioner on January 4.

The 2022 meeting dates are on the agenda for discussion. The organizational meeting will be held January 4, at 5 pm, and regular meetings will move to the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm. If additional meetings are needed, special meetings will be called.

Public Comments

Lt. Rashid Taylor, Madison Township firefighter and the President of the Local 2507 thanked Trustee Edward Dildine for his dedication over many years of service to the people of Madison Township.

Department Reports

The Police Department has ordered new car and portable radios capable of communicating between the Franklin County dispatch and Fairfield County Sheriff, improving inter-agency communication and reducing response time. Delivery is expected in about 12 weeks, with installation expected to take some time after that.

The Madison Township Police Department has also purchased new body cameras for officers, utilizing a trade-in program which saved a significant amount of money. The new cameras are in service now.

Public Works Superintendent Watkins reported there is a resolution to approve the purchase of a Moritz 16+4 8k tilt trailer from Custom Cabs for \$11,600.00. This trailer is rated at 16,000 GVRW and will enable the Township to haul the new excavator.

Superintendent Watkins said that road salt pricing for the 2021 - 2022 snow and ice season dropped to \$67.63 per ton from \$84.43 last year. An average snowfall season requires between 225 to 250 tons of salt.

Administrator Brobst said there is a resolution on the agenda to apply for grant funding through the State Capital Budget to work on the drainage issue at Brobst Park.

Fiscal Officer Vermeer reported the total cash on hand to be \$14,782,848.29. She then reported the following account balances. Please note that any discrepancies in totals are due to several small, specific funds not written here.

Fire \$10,209,332.46
Police \$1,971,814.11
General \$1,157,920.66
Public Works \$727,634.06

Business of the Board

All business of the Board passed as presented.

Following the Executive Session, the 2022 meeting dates were established as the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm, except the organizational meeting will be held January 4, 2022 at 5 pm.



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Special Board of Trustees Meeting December 28, 2021

Board Presentations

Trustee Edward B. Dildine was honored with the announcement of the naming of Madison Township Fire Department Station 183 after him for his combined 43 years of service as a Madison Township firefighter and elected official.

Business of the Board

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met for the annual year-end meeting. Resolutions and discussions included: setting the Ohio Revised Code salary for elected officials, approval of OTARMA Dishonesty Policy and Bond for officials and employees, and approval of 2022 Temporary budget, among other year-end items.