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NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The November 13, 2017 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Michelle Densberger at 7:00 PM. Also attending the meeting was Terry Rider & Glenn Titman

Employees in attendance: Jen Alexander, Jon Swank

Guests in attendance: Chief Mike Vandine, Attorney Barry Lewis, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Bob & Mary McWilliams, William Snyder, Connie Crawford, Randy Howell, Gregg Campbell, Don & Deb Tappe, Diana Leighow, Harry Watts, Rom Carrell, Sean Crawford, Darla Hess, Hunter Natale, Brad & Tina Watts, Bob Deihl, Sandy Whispell, Rhonda Stitz, Mark Hartzel, Dick Hess, Rob Densberger, Shari Bardo, Heather Mausteller, and other guests whose names were unreadable

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 2017 were accepted and approved. The Treasurer's Report that includes the check register, balance sheet and the Profit and Loss Reports were accepted and approved. Bills were approved for payment.

Motion by Terry Rider 2nd by Michelle Densberger. Motion carried – Glenn Titman Abstained
Motion: Approve minutes of October 9, 2017 meeting

Motion by Terry Rider 2nd by Michelle Densberger. Motion carried
Motion: Accept the financials as submitted and pay the bills

Municipal Authority: N/A

Planning Commission: N/A

Transfer Tax Report: ()

SEO Report: ()

Permit Officer Report: (2- \$672.00) Amos Fisher – Porch, Eric McAfee – New Home

Ordinance Enforcement Officer:

Road Master Report: Terry Rider submitted his report.

Police: Report submitted by Jon Swank. Chief Swank tendered his resignation effective November 14, 2017.

Motion by Michelle Densberger, 2nd by Glenn Titman. Motion carried
Motion: To accept resignation letter submitted by Chief Jon Swank

Old Business:

Slate Road Bridge – Still on hold
Discussion on the 2018 budget.

Motion by Michelle Densberger 2nd by Glenn Titman. Motion carried
Motion: Adopt the preliminary 2018 budget, advertise in Press Enterprise for review.

New Business:

Discussion on employee health insurance for Larry Hartzel. We will need to adopt the Insurance Trust Ordinance after advertising in the Press Enterprise. Discussion on the annual donations to the Community Center, Pool and Fire Companies.

Motion by Michelle Densberger 2nd by Terry Rider. Motion carried.

Motion: Advertise consideration of Ordinance for the Insurance Trust to be adopted at the December meeting.

Motion by Terry Rider 2nd by Glenn Titman. Motion carried

Motion: Make annual donation in the amount of \$1000 to Pool, \$2200 to Community Center

Motion by Terry Rider 2nd by Glenn Titman. Motion carried

Motion: Make the annual donation to the fire companies

Correspondence: Packet submitted

For the Good of the Township:**Recognition of Guests:**

Chief Vandine spoke regarding the services that Hemlock will provide to Madison if the agreement is approved. Charlotte Hess asked if we advertised for bids for the police department and also stated she has never heard the police say they needed help. Chief Swank stated he worked with what he had available to him. Resident stated that she feels a couple of part time officers to catch speeders was better than having police she spoke to a few other residents who do not feel we need police. Discussion on state police response. Sandy Whispell residents need to take the initiative to keep themselves safe, she would be able to take this better if the township had not been saying that they did not have money. She feels the money would be better spent on the roads. Comments made on ad for notice to public regarding police issue. Heather Mausteller supports the agreement due to crimes in the area, also stated that she would not want to be put in the position that it was her or another person. Bob Deihl asked why the \$44,500 is not just given to our department instead. Michelle explained that even with the additional money budgeted we do not have technology and equipment to do the job properly. Diana Leighow asked if other townships been approached with this deal. Mike Vandine said Madison is the first. She feels the roads will suffer if we do this, thinks residents should be surveyed to see if they want police or more road work. Discussion on Road work and why it has not been done up until now. Terry explained the process for the road work. He stated that you can't spend all your money in one year or you won't have the money for the next year. Diana thinks we need to get the roads better before we consider the police issue. Mike asked if health and safety was an important issue. Mark Hartzel feels we would be much better off and further ahead if we go with the agreement. Sandy Whispell if the roads aren't maintained what happens if a bus goes in a ditch. Terry put in for a grant to fix her road it was turned down because it didn't meet the criteria. Heather Mausteller asked for verification will we have money to budget for roads and police safety plan. Connie Crawford asked Chief Vandine if he knew how many other townships have their own police department. Chief Swank answered some of the questions. Question was asked as to how fee is being paid will it be does it get divided by property size, or business versus residential. Barry Lewis spoke on how the agreement was written. Jen asked what will happen to the cases currently in court if the police are disbanded she cannot come back to testify on behalf of a department that does not exist any longer. Barry explained she is a witness it doesn't matter if she is a police officer or not she will come in and testify, records will go to Hemlock and they will provide them as requested. The only issue will be how she will be compensated when she has to go to court. Rhonda Stitz commented on the increase in crime, she stated that supervisors were elected to do what is best for the township, residents have input, but the vote is for the supervisors to make residents voted when they elected the supervisors. Shari Bardo asked if responses would be billed separate or will it take from the 16 hours of patrol time. Mike said that it would not be taken from the patrol time and is not billed separate. Shari also thanked the supervisors for their service.

Motion by Glenn Titman, 2nd by Terry Rider. Motion carried

Motion: To advertise for Ordinance to disband the Madison Township Police Department and contract with Hemlock Township

Glenn Titman said that trunk or treat went very well they had 13 cars and it was well attended. Nancy Welliver auction tomorrow, Sunday will be Blue Grass at Community Center. Christmas Party for Township 2nd Saturday in December.

Tina Watts – Asked what the expense would be to send out a quarterly newsletter instead of yearly. Michelle said they go out with the taxes. The hard part is finding the time to get the information together in time to go with the bills.

Gary Williams stated he hopes the article in the paper will be accurate and factual.

Asked what was going on with the property on Hartzel Road. Jon Swank said there is nothing he can do since there is no ordinance. Another resident said she talked to Chris Bower and he is working on it, there are concerns about the weapons someone says they had a gunned pulled on them when they were going by the property. Jon stated they do not have the power to go up and throw the people off the property. He asked if the person who had a gun pulled on him/her called the police.

Michelle had a handout of how the taxes are allocated.

Secretary-Treasurer Lutcavage submitted her resignation effective November 13, 2017.

Motion by Glenn Titman, 2nd by Terry Rider. Motion carried

Motion: To accept the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Lutcavage.

Motion by Glenn Titman 2nd by Terry Rider to adjourn at 2036. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Lutcavage
Secretary-Treasurer