

**MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 15, 2026**

The Madison Township Board of Trustees met on this day in REGULAR session at the Township Administration building located at 5610 W. Alexandria Road, Middletown, Ohio at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board President Brian McGuire with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Willoughby – Present, Mr. McGuire – Present, Mr. Coldiron – Present, Mrs. Lapensee – Present, Mrs. Windle – Present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ITEM 2026 – 054 – MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Mr. McGuire moved, Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2026, as presented. Vote: AYES: Mr. McGuire, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2026 – 055 – MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS**

Mr. Coldiron moved; Mr. Willoughby seconded the motion to approve the bills for this period as presented. Vote: AYES: Mr. McGuire, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2026 – 056 – MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD SIGN CHECKS**

Mr. Coldiron moved; Mr. Willoughby seconded the motion to approve the road sign checks as presented. Vote: AYES: Mr. McGuire, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**ITEM 2026 – 057 – MOTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT**

Mrs. Lapensee stated that we had the following amounts in our checking account and major fund balances:

Checking Account: \$3,454,375.40  
HRA Account: \$51,566.64  
STARR Ohio: \$1,100,000.00 - Interest earned in March - \$3,206.32  
EMS Billing to Date: \$51,307.12  
Revenue to Date: \$252,401.22  
Expenditures to Date: \$972,366.13

Payments March:       \$268,298.89  
 Fund Balances:       \$537,021.57 General Fund/\$106,547.03 Road/Bridge Fund/\$257,769.11  
                               Road Fund/\$2,824,304.92 Fire Fund/\$456,711.90 Park Fund  
 Total All Funds:       \$4,452,431.39

Mr. McGuire moved; Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve the Fiscal Officers Report as presented. Vote: AYES: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Fire Chief Hall reported the following for the month of March:

1. Fire – 33 incidents in March (eleven (11) fires, eleven (11) rescue & emergency medical service, and eleven (11) other runs).
2. EMS – 88 calls which resulted in thirty-four (34) patients being transported (54 non- transports).
3. Training will include pump/tanker operations on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The training for next month will be responding to auto accidents and how to cut up a car to get to a trapped person.
4. Demonstration of the cameras purchased last year at the Elks lodge was performed on 4/14/26.
5. Fit Testing will be held the last week of this month to make sure everyone's SCBA's fit properly.
6. All vehicles are currently being serviced (annually), and we still need to have the ladder & pump test done for the engines.
7. Mock crash will be held at the high school on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. They will be attending FDIC next week in Indianapolis.

**ROAD/CEMETERY REPORT** – Mr. Cassidy reported that the following occurred during the month of May:

1. Roads – the mini-excavator, trailer and attachments were all delivered this past week. The crew was able to use the new mini to replace a driveway apron at the dead end of Trenton Franklin Road. It is used to turn around the equipment during a snow event. Due to the activity of the road crew, the asphalt has started to crumble over time. They also dug out a soft spot on Trenton-Franklin Road near Howe Road and replaced the blacktop. The crew also hauled gravel and graded the portion of No Mans where it is unimproved. They are required to do so by the ORC twice a year. They have begun roadside mowing and vegetation control. All trucks have been undressed for the winter.
2. Cemeteries – The crew started mowing and will weed eat for the first time this week. There has been one cremation burial in Miltonville and one in Elk Creek Cemeteries.
3. Park – The crew has completed one round of mowing and will be excavating for the new playground on April 20<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The cub scouts pack 28 performed trail maintenance for volunteer hours. They also removed small branches from the recent high winds and collected trash. They plan to add more mulch to the existing playground when they install mulch for the new playground.
4. Building and Property Maintenance – They have received the estimate for the gutter damage on both buildings from Tamlin Roofing. Because the estimate is over \$5,000.00

it has been referred to a different claims department and we are still waiting to hear back from them. All the construction on the driveway apron is for the proposed stormwater that will be installed for the new fire station. The one black top portion is from Southwest Water, and they are still waiting for the cable company to come back and fix their portion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FIRE LEVY RENEWAL.**

Mr. Willoughby suggested that we begin the levy renewal process because we will need to approve two different resolutions and submit the levy by the beginning of August. Mr. McGuire stated that he will reach out to the Prosecutor's Office to get that going.

**B. ITEM 2026 – 058 – MOTION TO APPROVE USDA RD FORM 1942-47 LOAN RESOLUTION FORM.**

Mr. Willoughby stated that the township will need to approve the loan resolution form to satisfy the conditions set forth by the USDA with respect to our loan we are currently pursuing to pay for the new fire station.

Mr. McGuire moved, Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve USDA RD Form 1942-47 Loan Resolution Form. Vote: AYES: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**C. ITEM 2026 – 059 – MOTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE FOR THE PAYMENT TO AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE COMPANY FOR THE REPAIR OF MEDIC 152 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,534.07.**

Chief Hall stated that they had to send the medic unit for service, and it required multiple items to be repaired.

Mr. McGuire moved, Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve a Then and Now Certificate for the payment to ambulance maintenance company for the repair of medic 152 in the amount of \$6,534.07. Vote: AYES: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**D. ITEM 2026 – 060 – MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRE OF RYAN FRENCH FOR FIREFIGHTER/EMT AND PATRICK CLENDINNING FOR FIREFIGHTER/MEDIC PENDING PAPERWORK.**

Mr. McGuire moved, Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Ryan French and Patrick Clendinning as a Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter/Medic. Vote: AYES: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**E. ITEMS 2026 – 061 - MOTION TO APPROVE BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE RESURFACING OF NO MANS ROAD AND DICKEY ROAD BETWEEN NO MANS AND KALBFLEISCH ROADS.**

Mr. McGuire moved; Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion to approve the bid advertisement for the resurfacing of No Mans Road and Dickey Road between No Mans and Kalbfleisch Road. Vote: AYES: Mr. Willoughby, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron. NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

**NEW SAND AND GRAVEL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** – Mr. Willoughby went over the application received by Majors for a new sand and gravel pit on Trenton Franklin Road near the RR tracks. He stated that the BZA meeting will be held next Tuesday and all interested parties should attend if you have any concerns or questions you want to raise. There were several members in the audience who had questions about the application and whether it met all the conditions as set forth in the zoning resolution.

**PARK BUILDING** – Mr. Willoughby stated that they have been going back and forth with the health department to try and get the permit. He stated that we will have to add a fan in the bathroom to keep dirt out of the building. He stated that we are still getting the poles and flags for the driveway into the park and all new trashcans have been dispersed throughout the park.

**FIRE HOUSE DESIGN** – Mr. Willoughby stated that we will meet with the Fire Department to go over final designs for the building in a few weeks. He stated that we continue to meet with the USDA over requirements for the loan.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Marla Gorman, Woodsdale/Kennel Road, stated that she owns the farm that will be next door to the new data center in Trenton. She stated that she first wanted to thank the Public Works department for all their hard work with the maintenance of the cemeteries. She stated that she appreciates their efforts to always make them look nice. She stated that she has grave concerns over all these new data centers being proposed and would like the trustees to pass a resolution to oppose them. There was an extraordinarily long discussion over the opposition to data centers in general. She stated that her main reasons were the noise levels that would affect her and her surrounding neighbors in Trenton. She stated that the generators that will be emergency power will be located along her property line and will be mini jet engines that get turned on once a week for testing, discharge of the water being used to cool the facility, etc.

Barry Blankenship, South First Street, Trenton, stated that he is opposed to the new data center being built in Trenton and would like the board to sign petitions that will put a moratorium on data centers until they can be further studied.

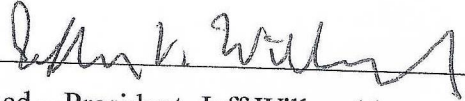
Erika Upton, Stonetrace Lane, Liberty Township, stated that she is opposed to the data center as well and is concerned that the City of Trenton is going to continue to annex more of the township and tear down all the historic homes near the Woodsdale/Augsberger area.

**ITEM 2026 – 062 – MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Mr. Coldiron seconded the motion. A roll call of the vote resulted: AYES: Mr. McGuire, Mr. Coldiron and Mr. Willoughby; NAYS: None. The motion was declared approved.



Attest – Fiscal Officer, Kimberly Lapensee



Signed – President, Jeff Willoughby