Chairman Wayman called the Trustees Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021, to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting being held at the Township Administration Building in the Trustees Meeting Room.

Mr. Wayman called for a roll call: Mr. Gauntner, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Wayman, Chief Byers, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance

Mr. Wayman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wayman stated at this time we will have a "Moment of Silence" to remember family, friends, and neighbors, who are no longer with us. Please remember Madison residents' Gary Grover, William Rabe, Michael Gasper, Jeffrey Lynn "Mr. Penguin", Frank Deckelman, Carol Frisbie, and Sandra Neighbors. Mr. Gauntner stated he would like to also remember the thirteen (13) Servicemen killed recently in Afghanistan.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021, Trustees Workshop Meeting and the August 10, 2021, Trustees Regular Meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021, Trustees Workshop Meeting and the August 10, 2021, Trustees Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of eighty-six thousand, nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and ten cents ($86,938.10) (actual) for September 14, 2021, and the bill list in the amount of twenty-two thousand, two hundred ninety-six dollars and twenty-three cents ($22,296.23) (actual) for August 24, 2021.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of eighty-six thousand, nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and ten cents ($86,938.10) (actual) for September 14, 2021, and the bill list in the amount of twenty-two thousand, two hundred ninety-six dollars and twenty-three cents ($22,296.23) (actual) for August 24, 2021, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated five thousand, nine hundred eighty dollars ($5,980.00) was paid to the Lake County I.T. Department for the annual dues and fees, two thousand, three hundred fourteen dollars was paid to Melzer's Fuel Service, and eight thousand, nine hundred thirty-seven dollars ($8,937.00) was paid to The Illuminating Company.

Mr. Brown inquired about the check pulled out of the bill list at the last Trustees Meeting on August 10th to Karvo Paving Company due to Karvo Paving Company not completing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of a project on Watling Way, Shore Drive, Ashview Avenue and the driveway in Madison Township Park. The Board decided to discuss this issue during the Administrator's portion of tonight's Meeting.

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred one thousand, five hundred twelve dollars and ten cents ($101,512.10) (actual) for August 27, 2021, payroll in the amount of one hundred five thousand, seven hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents ($105,768.63) (actual) for September 10, 2021, and payroll in the amount of one hundred three thousand, six hundred forty dollars and thirty-seven cents ($103,640.37) (estimate) for September 24, 2021.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve payroll in the amount of one hundred one thousand, five hundred twelve dollars and ten cents ($101,512.10) (actual) for August 27, 2021, payroll in the amount of one hundred five thousand, seven hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-three cents ($105,768.63) (actual) for September 10, 2021, and payroll in the amount of one hundred three thousand, six hundred forty dollars and thirty-seven cents ($103,640.37) (estimate) for September 24, 2021, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

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CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas Cirino, 5879 Shore Drive, and Mr. Tom Komp, 7123 Whitesands Boulevard, addressed the Board concerning garbage removal. Mr. Cirino suggested putting the Townships' garbage removal service out for bids to everyone to see if a lower fee which included recycling could be found. Mr. Cirino said this is something that Kirtland did in the past, and it might save wear and tear on the roads at a cheaper price. Mr. Wayman stated this has been tried in the past. Mr. Gauntner stated this issue has come up many times in the past. Once in 1958 according to old Trustee minutes, and twice in the 1980's when he was Township Administrator. Also, in 2015 the idea was presented and met with a lot of opposition by residents. Many residents called and wrote letters stating they did not want their garbage service changed. Mr. Gauntner said for unknown reasons people can be very possessive when it comes to their garbage, and who picks it up. Mr. Komp stated he lives on the corner of Bennett Road and has a problem with the garbage trucks turning around all the time. Mr. Komp asked if the garbage service companies had any regulations concerning the time of day they are allowed to start working in the Township. The Trustees said, due to Ohio laws, the Township is very limited regarding the time-of-day garbage haulers can start working. The Township has no statutory authority to pass ordinances. Mr. Gauntner stated that he does agree with both gentlemen that one garbage hauler would save township roads wear and tear. However, the community on many occasions has not liked the idea.

Mr. Tom Brass, 6957 Chapel Road, addressed the Board regarding the good job the Service Department did with the stormwater ditch for him. Mr. Brass stated the crew was polite and understanding, and did a very good job to make it look good. Mr. Brass thanked the Service Department.

Mr. Brown stated he received an e-mail from a resident who requested their e-mail be read at tonight's Meeting, and be a part of the Trustees Minutes for the Meeting. Mr. Brown asked if the Board wanted to entertain this issue or come up with a different policy. Mr. Anderson stated, the Board should set a policy requiring anyone who wants to make a public statement to come to a Trustees Meeting and address the Board face-to-face. Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Wayman both agreed. Mr. Anderson said the Township holds two (2) meetings per month which includes two (2) public comment sessions in each meeting. Mr. Pasqualone stated since the Board declined to read this e-mail into the minutes, a precedent has been established for future requests such as this. A resident will have to come to a Meeting and address the Board face-to-face if there is something they wish to comment about. A policy has been set.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Byers stated in the month of August, 2021, the Madison Township Police Department had 1,235 calls for service.

Calls for Service	1,235	Citations	57
Arrests	46	MVA	28
911 Calls	17	Alarms	49
Animal Complaints	17	Arrest on Warrant	9
Assault	2	Assist Other	8
Assist other PD	19	Business Checks	28
Custody Disputes	8	Civil	14
Court	10	Community Policing Activities	88
Disabled Vehicles	8	Disturbances	28
DOA	5	Domestic Violence	5
Family Disputes	4	Fraud Cases	4

Fireworks Complaints	3	Harassment	14
Follow-Up Investigations	45	Juvenile Complaints	5
Vehicle Lockouts	33	Mental Subject	4
Missing Persons	4	Neighbor Complaints	4
Noise Complaints	13	Open door/window	4
Prowler	2	Property Reports	13
Runaway	1	Suicide Threat	2
Suspicious	101	Theft	19
TPO Violation	1	Traffic Stops	113
Training Events	4	Trespassing	2
Traffic Complaints	19	Unwanted Subjects	8
Stolen Vehicle	1	Welfare Checks	22

Chief Byers stated in the month of August, 2020, there were 994 calls for service and 37 arrests. In August of 2021, there were 1,235 calls for service and 46 arrests. During the past weekend, there were 9 arrests. Mr. Anderson asked how many fatal accidents had occurred. Chief Byers said none. Mr. Anderson said that was good to hear. Chief Byers said the grant the department received to enable officers to work overtime for traffic enforcement has helped a lot. Mr. Gauntner said the high number of traffic stops (113) for August is due to the grant allowing officers to work overtime on traffic enforcement.

LEGAL:
Mr. Pasqualone, Solicitor, stated "no news is good news" so he had nothing to report.

FISCAL OFFICER:
Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-105,** A Resolution Certifying Existing Lighting District Parcels and to levy assessments for the improvement of various streets in Madison Township by supplying said streets with electric lighting.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-105,** seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek stated she dropped the lighting assessment fee from eleven percent (11%) down to ten percent (10%). Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek said whatever is left in that account has to be used for lighting districts only, and she did not want to charge residents too much.

Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-106,** A Resolution Accepting $45,000.00 from Max J. Ungers for the sale of property located at 7830 West Street, Unionville, Ohio, and deposited into line item #1000-951-0000 – Sale of Fixed Assets.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-106,** seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Gauntner stated that he thought the money from the sale of the property was received last spring. Mrs. Gerred-Ditchcreek said that it was received in the spring. However, she did not include this figure for the sale of the former Unionville Community Center as income when preparing the 2021 Budget as she was not sure the property would be sold. For this reason, the sale must be accepted by Resolution to increase the Townships' estimated resources. This must be in the report so it can be shown to the Lake County Auditor's Office.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector, Mrs. Howell, gave the August, 2021, Monthly Zoning Report:

- 20 Zoning Permits issued for an estimated construction cost of $410,800.00.
- Zoning Permit Fees collected for the month of August totaled $3,180.00.

The Zoning Commission met once in August and approved the Site Plan for "ModWash Car Wash" located at 6550 North Ridge Road.

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in August. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on September 9, 2021, to review three variances.

Zoning Complaints:

- 22 Complaints recorded by the Zoning Department:
  - 4 - High Grass
  - 10 - ER (Excessive Refuse)
  - 9 - OOC (Out-of-Compliance)
  - 3 - O (Other)

Ms. Howell reported the high grass numbers so far this year are way down in comparison to last year. Mr. Wayman asked what did Mrs. Howell attribute this to. Mrs. Howell said a great deal of the abated properties last year were vacant properties and are no longer vacant. Also, the banks and mortgage companies are realizing the Township will take care of this problem at a high cost if they do not maintain the property. Mr. Anderson asked what the high grass total was for the year thus far. Mrs. Howell did not have the total but stated the number is way down from last year. Mr. Anderson asked if Canter Lawn Care is still providing photographs prior to mowing and after cleanup. Mrs. Howell said yes.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS:

Road Supervisor, Mr. Cook reported the August, 2021, Monthly Service Department Report:

- Continued repair and maintenance of all Township owned trucks and equipment.
- Mowing and trimming of all Township owned properties.
- Split-rail fence installed along the Stanton Park Bluff area.
- Township Park Beach cleaning completed weekly – after Labor Day, as needed.
- Durapatching on Avalon Avenue, Manatee Avenue, Beach Drive, Meadow Wood Drive, and Whitewood Drive.
- Chipper & Yard Waste Numbers: August – 231 total residents (119 Brush & 112 Yard Waste). So far this year – 939 residents total, with 494 dropping off yard waste.
- Ditching completed on Roe Boulevard and Argyle Drive.

Mr. Anderson inquired about the handicap swing ordered for the Madison Township Park. Mr. Cook said he has not heard anything about the swing. Mr. Gauntner said he heard the swing was recently received by the Recreation Board.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Brown, Administrator, stated a check/payment was denied back in the August 10th Trustees Meeting for Karvo Paving for not completing at least 75% of the paving project they were contracted to do. Karvo Paving Company has now completed at least 75% of the road repaving work. Karvo Paving Company still has berming to do on Shore Drive and Watling Way. The Madison Township Park driveway and Ashview Drive are to be completed on September 20, 2021. Mr. Brown stated check #58415 was issued on August 9, 2021, in the amount of three hundred seventy-seven thousand, four hundred seven dollars and fifty-four cents ($377,407.54) for Karvo Paving. Mr. Brown said there will still be a balance due of approximately one hundred twenty thousand dollars ($120,000.00). After discussing what had been accomplished to date by Karvo Paving Company a decision was made to pay the three hundred seventy-seven thousand, four hundred seven dollars and fifty-four cents ($377,407.54) and release the check to Karvo. Mr. Brown said he would call them to have someone come and pick up the check. Mr. Gauntner stated he was not happy with the quality or timeliness of Karvo Paving's work on the roads and would not vote to use them again.

Mr. Gauntner made a motion to approve releasing the check in the amount of three hundred seventy-seven thousand, four hundred seven dollars and fifty-four cents ($377,407.54) be

paid to Karvo Paving Company, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown, Administrator, requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-107,** A Resolution to a approve the purchase of Grave #4, Section L, Lot #18, which lies within North Madison Cemetery, in the amount of three hundred dollars ($300.00) from Marc Burr of Potti & Marc F. Burr Funeral Homes.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-107,** seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **resolution #21-108,** A Resolution to approve a ten-year lease Agreement between the Board of Madison Township Trustees and the Rabbit Run Community Arts Association for building and grounds located at 49 Park Street, Madison Village, from October 1, 2021, until September 30, 2031.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-108,** seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-109,** A Resolution entering into an Agreement in the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) with LDC, Inc. of Mentor, Ohio, to provide a right-of-way survey work upon Beach Drive.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-109,** seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Brown requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-110,** A Resolution entering into an Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, at a cost of seven thousand, five hundred dollars ($7,500.00) to provide professional engineering services to study stormwater drainage on Palisade Drive.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-110,** seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

TRUSTEES:
RESOLUTIONS:
Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-111**, A Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to proceed with the Abatement of high grass and/or excessive refuse at 1557 Easton Avenue and 6210 Maxwell Drive.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-111**, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Mr. Wayman requested a motion to approve **Resolution #21-112**, A Resolution to Certify Costs incurred by Madison Township for the Abatement of the listed properties in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 - Abatement, Control, or Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse, and Other Debris and to request that the Lake County Auditor enter the amount on the tax duplicate to be collected as other taxes and returned to Madison Township: 2104 Dock Road, 7405 Middle Ridge Road, and 1370 County Line Road.

Mr. Gauntner presented a motion to approve **Resolution #21-112**, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll Call: Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

OTHER:
Mr. Anderson, Chairman of the Madison Fire Board, gave an update on the Fire Board. Mr. Anderson stated the next Meeting is tomorrow night, September 15, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. The Board will discuss any bids received for the proposed addition to Fire Station #2.

Mr. Gauntner wished to discuss the 2020 Census figures. Mr. Gauntner stated there was a front-page article in the New-Herald on August 17, 2021, regarding the 2020 Census entitled "Lake County Continues to Grow". The article stated the population of Lake County grew by 2,562 people. However, Madison Township lost 636 people from 2010 to

2020 according to the U.S. Census figures. Madison Township's population in 2010 was reported to be 15,693 and in 2020 only 15,057. Mr. Gauntner said he questions the accuracy of these census numbers. Mr. Gauntner said the 1980 U.S. Census stated there were 15,378 people living in Madison Township and now only 15,057 in 2020. This would mean Madison Township lost 321 people since 1980. Mr. Gauntner asked if anyone believed that the township has lost 321 people in the past forty (40) years? and most did not. Mr. Gauntner said a very bad recession hit the country in 1980 and new construction came to a halt. However, in the late 1980's, 1990's and 2000's many new subdivisions and condo developments were constructed and built in Madison Township. Mr. Gauntner said he did not know how the Township could have lost 321 people since the 1980 census as well as 636 people in the past 10 years. Mr. Gauntner stated. He believes the current census numbers are not accurate because many Madison Township residents did not respond to the 2020 Census and therefore, they were not counted. Mr. Gauntner stated he had met with Lake County Planning Director Dave Radachy who told him that the Madison Township response to the 2020 Census was the fourth worst out of the 23 communities in Lake County with a 72% response. This was according to the tracking data the U.S. Census uses when mailing out census cards to residents in a community. Mr. Gauntner stated he also contacted Madison School Superintendent Angela Smith regarding the school systems enrollment numbers over the past ten (10) years. If enrollment has dropped significantly that could account for a population decrease. He is still waiting to hear back from Superintendent Smith with those enrollment numbers. Many residents do not realize the population of a township or city determines and assists in supporting services such as Headstart, WIC, National School Lunch Programs, Meals on Wheels, Medicaid, funding for federal financial aid, congressional representation, obtaining grant funds, and many more services. Mr. Gauntner said residents ask all the time why Madison Township does not have a Lowe's, Target or a nice chain restaurant. One of the reasons is because large corporate businesses look at the demographics of a community before deciding to open a business there. If it looks like a community is losing population, the business is not going to want to open a new store in that area. Mr. Gauntner stated he just wanted to bring the 2020 U.S. Census information to everyone's attention, even though there is nothing that can be done to change the figures. Mr. Wayman thanked Mr. Gauntner for the information.

Mr. Wayman asked if the Township should keep the traditional date for Halloween "Trick or Treat" this year. Mr. Anderson stated he would like to keep the traditional date of Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6:00m P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for Madison Township "Trick or Treat". Mr. Gauntner and Mr. Wayman agreed.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to hold "Trick or Treat" on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

CITIZEN COMMENTS:
None

Mr. Wayman stated the next Trustees Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Wayman asked if there was any other business, and with no further business to discuss, requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gauntner. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Gauntner: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Chairman Wayman adjourned the Trustees Regular Meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Peter V, Wayman, Chairman

Terry Gerred-Ditchcreek, Fiscal Officer