Madison Borough

21 Firehall Lane

General Meeting

March 11, 2025

7 PM

**MARCH 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

* Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
* Call to Order by Council President Leah Rich
* Roll Call by Secretary: President Leah Rich, Clint Lawson, Bob Hildenbrand, Mayor Ronald Rich, J. and Cheryl Hale were present. Councilwoman Sue Borkovich was not present.
* Public Comments: Present were David Cannon, Briana Weisend, and Bob Regola visitor.

Dave Cannon inquired about having the potholes in front of his house on 321 Madison Heights Road repaired. That is a state road, Leah will get him PennDOT’s number.

Bob Regola is a consultant to help with writing and getting grants for municipalities.

* Comments & Approval of February 2025 Minutes:

Motion to approve: 1st: Bob Hildenbrand, 2nd: Clint Lawson, **Approved by all Council**

* Comments & approval of February 25th Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: 1st: Clint Lawson, 2nd: Bob Hildenbrand, **Approved by all Council**

* Comments and approval of February 2025 Treasury Financial Report

Motion to approve: 1st: Bob Hildenbrand, 2nd: Clint Lawson, **Approved by all Council**

* Mayor /Ordinance Officer Comments:

2 violations to send to Willam Kaminsky. With the Borough’s 150 Anniversary coming up next year, we need to start planning now for a celebration.

* Building Permits: As per Mark Cypher, 0

* Zoning Permits: 0
* **RESOLUTIONS:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

* As this is a work in progress, Cheryl Hale is still working on research and collecting information needed for the Borough Audits from 2018 through 2022. Cheryl has also contacted both CPAs interested in quoting bids to complete these audits.
* Pat Walt has provided the first Newsletter for the Borough. Still have a few items to add.
* A 2 Pack of display stands were purchased for the quarterly newsletter at $21.19.
* Cheryl Hale will add the 3-month **trial** of Payroll Core to QuickBooks with the start of the 2nd quarter starting in April an additional $25.00 for 2 months April, May and June of 2025. **Approved by all Council**
* The council voted to approve moving forward on switching banks from S&T to 1st Commonwealth. With no fee for online banking. Adding Positive Pay with a fee, also, moving money from checking to a money market that would accrue interest which would offset our fee for Positive Pay.

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* With the Yough School District not proceeding with litigation towards John Fassett. James Meyer, YSD Business Manager, suggested we get our Solicitor involved.

Motion to approve Solicitor contacting John Fassett about past due tax remittance:

1st: Bob Hildenbrand, 2nd: Clint Lawson, **Approved by all Council**

* Discussion of sealing walking track at Borough Park.

Leah met with Trader Sealing and is waiting for a bid, also, need to consider repairs that are needed.

* Discuss bidding for Storm Drain Cleaning and Roadway sweeping.

Leah contacted Brandon Firestone and is waiting to hear back

* With Bob Lackey, Lawn Services, being the only bid received. ($400.00, $15.00 per hour for both weed eating and cleanups).

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Animal Ordinance, need to go over fowl (chicken, ducks, etc.,)

Table – need to research for more current ordinances and or zoning. The Borough has an ordinance for domestic cats and dogs.

* In discussing finalizing and adding fireworks to the Noise Ordinance the Borough will need to contact Solicitor Kim Houser.
* Discussed ordinance for landlord/renters and the tax, inspection that will be required.

Landlords need to submit information on new tenants, Yearly inspections should be done on residency. The Borough is losing tax money on the tenants not reported. The council has decided to pursue an occupancy permit at $25.00 per tenant. Must be filed prior to occupancy by landlord and provided to Madison Borough.

* Discuss Community Clean-Up Day.

Keep America Beautiful, clean up the town, streets etc. Possible grants to help with dumpsters.

* Discuss America250 PA grants for making our community beautiful

To beautify the area, need a resolution – Table till April

* Secretary Cheryl Hale requested a change of her workday, Tuesday March 18th to March 19th.

Motion to approve: 1st: Clint Lawson, 2nd: Bob Hildenbrand, **Approved by all Council**

**Debit Card Purchases January 2025: $ 139.82**

**Motion to Approve:** Debit Card Transactions

1st: Bob Hildenbrand, 2nd: Clint Lawson, **Approved by all Council**

**February 2025 Bills paid $ 18,418.06**

***Motion to Approve*** February 2025 bills paid.

1st: Clint Lawson, 2nd: Bob Hildenbrand, **Approved by all Council**

**March 2025 Bills (Estimated) to be Paid: $ 6,848.79**

**Motion to Approve:** March 2025 estimated bills to be paid.

1st: Clint Lawson, 2nd: Bob Hildenbrand, **Approved by all Council**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion *to Adjourn***

1st: Bob Hildenbrand, 2nd: Clint Lawson, **Approved by all Council**