

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2011  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER** James Van Ess, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 and Gerald Walt opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** James Van Ess, Brenda Martin, Gerald Walt, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, and Matthew Fenske. Absent: Lenore D. Cook.

Also present was Ron Bultje, Township Attorney.

**Supervisor comments:**

- + High Grade Materials was given permit to run nights and early morning.
- + Leonard Gardens had problems with default on sewer/water bills.
- + Problem on Mountain Ash with owner installing illegal septic work. Health Department to issue stop work order.
- + Park bathhouse painted and both hall baths have been painted.
- + Next week park parking lot will be resealed and striped.
- + 830 Hayes requested extension and we are waiting for a site plan change.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA** Matthew Fenske moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in August of 2011 as presented, to add to unfinished business replacement needed for the front entrance doors and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Greg De Jong – County Commissioner – gave a brief report. Strict control on budget and hiring. Farm Breakfast expects 2000 people.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Front Doors - Gerald Walt moved, Matthew Fenske supported, to replace front doors with the bid for plain glass doors at a cost of \$4,000. Motion CARRIED.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Gerald Walt moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to set a public hearing for H.S. Die Engineering, Inc. of 0-215 Lake Michigan Drive for September 6, 2011 at 7:00. They are requesting an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for \$7,900,000 for twelve years. All IFT are on hold until the Tool and Die Ren Zone Expires. This is a back up plan if Tool and Die Ren Zone benefits change. Motion CARRIED.

**B.** Matthew Fenske moved, Gerald Walt supported, to adopt Resolution to approve the 2011 millage rate. There was no increase in dollars produced, therefore no need for Truth in Taxation. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Moratorium on Digital Billboards - Ron Bultje, Township Attorney, said that CBS wishes to replace existing billboards with digital billboards. CBS would like the planning commission to review this matter. Ron Bultje recommends that the Board place a seven month moratorium on this issue. This application is non-conforming and it is best to allow to the Planning Commission to review. Gerald Walt moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt the Resolution to place a seven month moratorium on digital billboards to allow the planning commission to review. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ron Bultje, Township Attorney, gave permission to add two items to our agenda.

- D. Brenda Martin moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to extend for four months the moratorium on Medical Marijuana. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- E. Neubecker Mining and Extraction Permit – At the July 2011 Board meeting the Neubeckers were requested to provide the Township with a \$55,000 Letter of Credit so as to proceed with their Mining Permit. Mr. Neubecker has since informed the Township that most banks do not issue Letter of Credits. Brenda Martin moved, Gerald Walt supported, to authorize the Supervisor with council from the Township Attorney to explore other options. Motion CARRIED.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 1.) Planning Commission - Residential versus Commercial regarding Medical Marijuana, reschedule Lamont District meeting that was cancelled due to tornado warnings, home occupations, and review of terms for contract with owner of 830 Hayes at owners request.
- 2.) ZBA – no report
- 3.) Fire Board – no report
- 4.) Hazardous Material and Technical Rescue Team – Fair Board and public were impressed with fire department display at Berlin Fair.

#### **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Department Report
- B. Sheriff Dept Report
- C. List of Building Permits
- D. Planner and Zoning Enforcer Report

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk  
Recorded by Brenda Martin, Treasurer