

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2008  
@ 7:30 P.M.**

**I CALL TO ORDER** - Prayer/Pledge William Wiersma, Supervisor, called the meeting to order with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: William Wiersma, Lenore D. Cook, James Van Ess, Gerald Walt, Clifford Bronkema, Roy Bolthouse and Lester Langeland.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

James "Toby" Van Ess moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in September of 2008 as presented, to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED. Two items were added to the agenda – Fennessy Lake Petition and update on parking lot

**III. PUBLIC PARTICPATION**

All participants must identify themselves and address all comments to the Board. At times public participation may be limited and/or allowed in conjunction with an agenda item.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation. Gerald Walt moved, Roy Bolthouse supported, to go to the Public Hearing. Motion CARRIED. James Uyl, Township Assessor explained what Truth in Taxation is and why the Township must hold a hearing. The 2008 Taxable Value of all properties in Tallmadge Township will be \$252,724,832 with the maximum allowable millage levy of 1.9006. As there were no questions from the audience Gerald Walt moved, Roy Bolthouse supported to close the Public Hearing. Lenore D. Cook moved, Gerald Walt supported to come out from under Truth in Taxation roll back. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- B.** Second Reading for Contract Rezoning and Site Plan approval for the Lamont Community Church. This property is located at approx 14000 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Planning Commission recommended this request for approval at their August 11, 2008 meeting. Gerald Walt moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to take the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request for Contract Rezoning and Site Plan approval. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- C.** First Reading – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Section 3.28(a)5 – Swimming Pools.
- D.** First Reading - Trash Removal Ordinance – Gerald Walt moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to table until our October meeting to give the board time to look over the ordinance. Motion CARRIED

- E.** Fire Board Report – Gerald Walt informed the Board that the Wright/Tallmadge Fire Board at their August 8, 2008 meeting purchased a new Fire Truck a year earlier than scheduled to take advantage of a \$75,000 savings. The trucks being replaced will be put up for sale.
- F.** Fennessy Lake Association – The Fennessy Lake Association has petitioned the Township to create an assessment district for upkeep of the lake. According to Township records 36 parcels have lake front access and 19 parcels have signed the petition. Lester Langeland moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to set a Hearing of Necessity for October 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. At this Hearing all questions will be answered, amount of monies to be assessed will be given, amount of time assessment will be on tax bills etc. will be discussed. At this meeting all participants will be given the opportunity to add their name or remove their name from the petition. Motion CARRIED.
- G.** James “Toby” Van Ess, treasurer, updated the Board on the parking lot project regarding the east side of parking lot.
- H.** Board members commented on August election

#### **VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Department Report
- B. Fire Board Minutes
- C. Sheriff Dept Report
- C .List of Building Permits issued in August of 2008
- D. Planner and Zoning Enforcer Report
- E. Report from Ottawa County Economic Development

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**Note: Monies were found in parking lot election day – August 5, 2008. Please contact Township Clerk.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk**