

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009
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 led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA Lenore Cook moved, Gerald Walt supported, to approve the minutes of the September 08, 2009 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in October of 2009 as presented, to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

Supervisor comments:

1.) Our community policeman Rick Sykes has been transferred to Coopersville High School and our new replacement will be Tyler Kempema. We wish to thank Rick for everything he has done in the Township and let him know he will be missed.

2.) We have purchased the GIS system for the Township and already it has saved us time and money.

3.) The Open House to honor the Van Beeks and the Boersmas was well attended.

4.) We will be working with the Ottawa County Conservation Department again this year to eradicate the Gypsy Moth.

5.) The MTA convention will be held in Grand Rapids this year and all trustees are urged to attend. The seminars are most informative.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gerald Walt moved, Brenda Martin supported, to untable the item from our September meeting to purchase Cemetery software from BS&A. Motion CARRIED. Matthew Fenske has been looking into other software companies for a competitive bid. Gerald Walt moved, Lenore Cook supported, to approve the purchase of the BS&A bid. Motion CARRIED.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Second Reading – Tallmadge Charter Township Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. This ordinance is based on state law but for a Township to enact this law they also must have an ordinance. Matthew Fenske moved, Clifford Bronkema supported to adopt this Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fenske, Martin, Bronkema, Van Ess, Eppink, Cook. Nays: Walt. Motion CARRIED.

B. Second Reading – To repeal Ordinance Number 09132005 – Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance. Gerald Walt moved, Michael Eppink supported, to repeal this Ordinance. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. First Reading – Residential Setbacks – Section 5.05 and 6.04 and 7.04.

D. Lenore Cook moved, Gerald Walt supported, to table the adoption of Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance

E. Gerald Walt moved, Clifford Bronkema supported to vacate the north-south road off Leonard, on the west side of Marcia Ashby's property – parcel number 70-09-12- 276-015 but **not** to vacate the east-west road off 48th Avenue on the north side of Marcia Ashby's property, because it was historically intended to be used for and is still needed for access to the rear portion of the Township cemetery in that immediate vicinity. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F. The supervisor, Toby Van Ess, updated the Board on our assessment from the Ottawa County Drain Commission. The assessment was higher than originally estimated. The Board had decided to pay this from general funds and not assesses property owners.

G. Gerald Walt moved, Michael Eppink supported, to change the time of operation the Township Hall is open for a six month trial period. Currently the Township is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For the next six months – starting November 1, 2009 the Township Hall will be closed on Fridays but will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to **7:00 p.m** This will accommodate residents who might not otherwise be able to stop in the office before 2:00 p.m. The amount of hours we are open per week will still be the same.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Fire Department Report

Sheriff Department Report

List of Building Permits issued in September of 2009

Planner and Zoning Enforcer Report

VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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