

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER** David Datema called the meeting to order and opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: David Datema, Lenore D. Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, and Mark Bennett. Member absent: Joel Terpstra

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Bennett moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in June of 2021 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SECOND READING – Zoning Text Amendment – Shared Driveways –** Section 3.38 shall be added to the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. Michael Eppink moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt this Zoning Text Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. SECOND READING – Zoning Text Amendment – Off Street Loading Space Requirements –** Section 15.09(b) of the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance shall be amended. Lenore D. Cook moved, Mark Bennet supported, to adopt this Zoning Text Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call.

**C.** Clifford Bronkema moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to adopt the Resolution to End Enforcement of Covid -19 Orders and Restore Constitutional Freedoms to Ottawa County. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **D. TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP GENERAL MATTERS**

At a meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Tallmadge, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall at 0-1451 Leonard, Tallmadge Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, on the 8th day of June, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

**PRESENT:** David Datema, Lenore D. Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Mark Bennett

**ABSENT:** Joel Terpstra

The Township Supervisor advised the Township Board that the next order of business was the consideration of certain Board resignations and appointments.

The following resolution was offered by Michael Eppink and supported by Valdyne Schwallier:

#### **BOARD RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor has submitted a contingent resignation, effective July 5, 2021, attached as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, a Township Trustee has submitted a contingent resignation, effective July 5, 2021, attached as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the Township Board is willing to accept both resignations, with their contingencies, and wishes to make appointments to both of the resulting vacancies on the Township Board;

WHEREAS, neither the Township Supervisor nor the Township Trustee may vote upon their successors to their resigned positions;

**IT IS NOW RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TALLMADGE, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS.**

- 1. The Township Board accepts the resignation of the Township Supervisor, (David Datema) as submitted, attached as Exhibit A.**

**YES:** Cook, Schwallier, Eppink, Bronkema, Bennett

**NO:**

**ABSTAIN:** Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.

- 2. The Township Board accepts the resignation of the Township Trustee, (Mark Bennett) as submitted, attached as Exhibit B.**  
**YES: Datema, Cook, Eppink, Bronkema, Schwallier**  
**NO:**  
**ABSTAIN: Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.**
- 3. Because the resigning Township Supervisor (David Datema) cannot vote on his replacement and may abstain from voting on his request to be appointed to a vacancy in another Township office, the Township Supervisor (David Datema) is excused from voting on items 1, 3, 5, and 6 of this Resolution.**  
**YES: Bennett, Schwallier, Bronkema, Cook, Eppink**  
**NO:**  
**ABSTAIN: Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.**
- 4. Because the resigning Township Trustee (Mark Bennett) cannot vote on his replacement and may abstain from voting on his request to be appointed to a vacancy in another Township office, the Township Trustee (Mark Bennett) is excused from voting on items 2, 4, 5, and 6 of this Resolution.**  
**YES: Datema, Eppink, Bronkema, Cook, Schwallier**  
**NO:**  
**ABSTAIN: Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.**
- 5. Per the conditions in his resignation as Township Supervisor, (Dave Datema) the Township Board appoints David Datema to the vacant Township Trustee position, effective July 6, 2021, until the general election in November of 2022.**  
**YES: Schwallier, Bronkema, Eppink, Cook**  
**NO:**  
**ABSTAIN: Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.**
- 6. Per the conditions in his resignation as Township Trustee, (Mark Bennett) the Township Board appoints Mark Bennett to the vacant Township Supervisor position, effective July 6, 2021, until the general election in November of 2022.**  
**YES: Bronkema, Eppink, Cook, Schwallier**  
**NO:**  
**ABSTAIN: Datema on items 1, 3, 5, 6; Bennett on items 2, 4, 5, 6.**

**VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Supervisor: David Datema** Update – Park west entrance, talked to residents from Lamont regarding electric in boulevard, work to be done on pickleball courts.

**Planning Commission; Joel Terpstra**

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema.**

**Fire Dept Rep: Michael Eppink -**

**Fire Dept – Michael Gavin, Fire Chief – See attached**

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Board Minutes
- B. Sheriff Department report
- C. List of Building Permits for May of 2021
- D. Planning and Zoning report

**Mark Bennett thanked David Datema on behalf of the Board**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Sincerely yours

Lenore D. Cook, Clerk