

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014
AT 7:00 P.M.
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I. CALL TO ORDER Before the meeting was called to order, Gerald Walt moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to have Lenore Cook chair the meeting in the absence of James Van Ess. Motion CARRIED. Lenore Cook, Clerk, called the meeting to order and Joel Terpstra opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in June of 2014 as presented and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Tallmadge presented the board with a list of trucking firms that are in violation of our trucking ordinance. This list will be passed on to our township officer to look into. She also questioned the business signs in resident's yards in our township.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Chad and Rochelle Sather of 0-368 Leonard are requesting a decision from the Board regarding a sewer water assessment cost. The Sathers septic system failed and called the Township to inquire about hooking up to the sewer system. They were told that they were not in the assessment district and to hook up they would have to pay what all the residents in the assessment district had paid. The Sathers purchased the home at 368 Leonard as a foreclosure. They claim that when they purchased the home they checked to see if there were any assessments on the property and were told there were none. They also noticed a hydrant in their front yard. They feel that even though they were never in the original assessment district they should have been informed that they might at some later date have to hook up to sewer and/or water and be charged what the Sathers feel would be a hidden cost. The Sathers do not feel that they should pay for a bygone project that has already been funded. They also say that the cost would be more that they can afford. See attached memo from the Sathers realtor.

This lot is outside the sanitary sewer and water special assessment district of 1999. However, the Township paid to extend the sewer and water mains halfway across the frontage of the lot in question per the township engineers's recommendation. This extension also includes a lot on the north side of Leonard. These lots were could not be added to the sewer water district of 1999 – therefore no assessments were placed on these properties.

After a lengthy discussion the Board discussed the options given them by our Township Attorney. See attached.

Gerald Walt make a motion to have the Sathers choose an option outlined by Ron Bultje. This motion was withdrawn. Brenda Martin moved, Lenore Cook supported, to not allow the Sathers be excused from paying the \$11,500 assessment cost. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gerald Walt, Brenda Martin, Lenore Cook. Nays: Clifford Bronkema, Joel Terpstra, Michael Eppink.

Joel Terpstra then moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to have the Sathers pay half of the assessment fee of \$11,500. After some discussion Joel withdrew his motion with the consent of Clifford Bronkema.

Lenore Cook then made the motion with Brenda Martins support, that the Sathers pay the \$11,500 assessment fee at the time that they request to hook up to sewer and water. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brenda Martin, Joel Terpstra, Michael Eppink, Lenore Cook, Gerald Walt. Nays: Clifford Bronkema. Motion CARRIED.

- B.** Joel Terpstra moved, Gerald Walt supported, to set a Public Hearing for July 8, 2014 at 7:10 p.m., to hear a request of Geskus Photography, Inc. at 0-11210 1st Avenue for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate in the amount of \$1,703,104. Motion CARRIED.
- C.** Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to allow the Planning Commission to have LSL Planning assist them to develop an opinion survey as part of their upcoming master plan process in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- D.** Michael Eppink moved, Brenda Martin supported, to install a new door in the fire department per the bid of Store Fronts for \$1,129 – installed. Motion CARRIED.
- E.** Brenda Martin moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to adopt the Resolution for Election Inspectors for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election. Motion CARRIED.
- F.** Michael Eppink moved, Brenda Martin supported, to adopt a Public Record Inspection or Examination Policy. Motion CARRIED.

VI SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor: James Van Ess

Planning Commission: Joel Terpstra

Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema

Haz-Mat: Michael Eppink

Fire Board: Gerald Walt

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Minutes of June 5, 2014 fire board meeting
- B. Sheriff Department report
- C. List of Building Permits for May of 2014
- D. 911 report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Martin, Treasurer

