

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mark Bennett, Supervisor, called the meeting to order and David Datema opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, David Datema supported, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in July of 2021 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any. Add Item E. Adopt American Rescue Act. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The Kuieck family appeared before the Board requesting that the sign "Paupers Field" in the Maplewood Cemetery be removed. It is offensive to them as they have family buried there. The Board added this item to the agenda.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – Variance request regarding Private Road Ordinance**

Joel Terpstra a Planning Commission member gave a brief overview of this request. See attached Planning Commission minutes. Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the Public. Motion CARRIED.

Phyliss Reed – Owns part of the easement and does not need more traffic

Fred Vander Molen – He takes care of the road and does not need or want more Traffic. Where would they park?

Jeff Verekee – There is no room to park. Would open up a private road to the public traffic.

Dale Vander Molen – Afraid he will be stuck with expense to repair road. Would like stipulations

Carol Vriesma – Want to sell property. Cannot afford to bring road up to code. Want to sell 10 acres to Archaeological Conservancy. They will not put up any structure. Will do some digs and then preserve the property.

Valdyne Schwallier moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to close Public Hearing.

The Board had many concerns such as parking, development, can we put on restrictions, can we control parking, what happens ten twenty years from now. This is new to the Board and they would like time to look into their concerns and to have the Supervisor talk to our attorney. Mark Bennett moved, Clifford Bronkema supported to table this request until the August 10, 2021 meeting. Thus, giving the Board the needed time to talk to our attorney and have some questions answered. Motion CARRIED.

**B. FIRST READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – K&E Properties of 0-749 Lake Michigan Drive are requesting to rezone Parcel Number 70-10-25-100-031 from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial and R-2 Medium Density Residential

**C. FIRST READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – Gerald and Mary Lee of 14162 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue are requesting to rezone Parcel Number 70-10-03-100-010 from Agricultural to Rural Preserve.

**D. TOWNSHIP HOURS** – David Datema moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to change the Township Hours. The new hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. We will remain closed on Fridays. The Township officials are more than willing to meet with residents by appointment if necessary.

**E. AMERICAN RESCUE ACT** – Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to accept the Federal Funding. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**F. MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY SIGN** – Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported to remove the “Paupers Field” sign from the Maplewood Cemetery. Motion CARRIED.

**G.** Lenore D. Cook moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to increase the bid of Spartan Technical Services by \$2859.07 due to increase petroleum cost Motion CARRIED.

## **VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

**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 June of 2021
- D. Planning and Zoning report

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Sincerely yours

Lenore D. Cook, Clerk

