

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mark Bennett, Supervisor, called the meeting to order and Joel Terpstra opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in January of 2023 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** There were 17 residents in attendance. One resident commented on process of adding agenda items. Four residents inquired as to the Township installing another walk-in gate. The Supervisor informed them he would be addressing the park entrance in the Supervisor's comments. Senator Mark Huizinga – representing the 30<sup>th</sup> District introduced himself **and** made a few comments.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENTS – Recommended by the Supervisor**

1.) Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to appoint Curtis Rypma and Matthew Fenske to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Motion CARRIED

2.) Lenore D. Cook moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to appoint Shirley Bruin to the Zoning Board of Appeal for a three-year term. Motion CARRIED.

3.) Valdyne Schwallier moved. Michael Eppink supported, to appoint Kim Rypma, Josh Hankamp, Michael Harig and Donna Dykstra (alternate) to the Board of Review for a two-year term. Motion CARRIED.  
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4.) Michael Eppink moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to appoint Lenore D. Cook and Valdyne Schwallier to the Wright Tallmadge Fire Board for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.

5.) Valdyne Schwallier moved, John Bronkema supported, to appoint Mark Bennett as the Township representative to the Grand Valley Metro Council for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.

6.) Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to appoint Matt Boelema as our Dangerous Building Inspector for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.

7.) Michael Eppink moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to appoint Ronald Bultje with Dickinson Wright as the Township Attorney for the calendar year 2023. Motion CARRIED.

8.) Lenore D. Cook moved, Michael Eppink supported, to appoint Al Pennington with Moore and Bruggink as our Township Engineer for the calendar year 2023. Motion CARRIED.

9.) Valdyne Schwallier moved, John Bronkema supported, to appoint the Allendale Construction Board of Review for the calendar year 2023. Motion CARRIED.

**B. POLICY AND PROCEDURE BOOK** John Bronkema moved, Michael Eppink supported, to allow the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to update our Policy and Procedure Book. As items are updated they will be brought to the Township Board for their approval. Motion CARRIED.

**C. NATIONAL FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT** – Mark Bennett, Valdyne Schwallier and Michael Eppink have been working on getting a grant for the National Fitness Center Equipment and will keep the Board informed

**D.**

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

### **Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

+ Technically the Park is Closed for the winter season. The Board has been working on a new and safer Park Entrance. Bids are to be received by the end of February. A walk thru entrance will be installed at that time.

### **Planning Commission; Joel Terpstra**

+ Two site plans were approved at the last Planning Commission meeting

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

### **Fire Board Report -**

**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 December of 2022

D. Planning and Zoning report

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 7:49 p.m.**

Sincerely yours

Lenore D. Cook, Clerk

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