

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, Michael Eppink, Joel Terpstra, John Bronkema. Member absent: Clifford Bronkema

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Michael Eppink moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in February of 2023 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any. Also to add to items to the Agenda – Update to Pension Plan and allow clerk to combine Precincts for the May Election.
Motion CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Allison Miedema, County Commissioner, introduced herself and gave a brief overview on what committees she is assigned.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. NATIONAL FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT – Valdyne Schwallier, Michael Eppink, and Mark Bennett have been working on getting a grant for The Tallmadge Park National Fitness Center Equipment. We have been awarded a \$40,000 Grant. The Township cost will be approximately \$120,000. The Township will both ask for contributions and use budgeted Park Equipment monies. Valdyne Schwallier moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to accept the Grant monies and proceed with installing the National Fitness Center Equipment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote

B. POLICY AND PROCEEDURE BOOK – Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the draft for the following eight items:

- Township Board
- Board and Administrative Policies Manual
- Ethical Conduct
- Social Media Policy
- Purchasing and Bidding
- Expense Reimbursement
- Credit Card Use
- FOIA

Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. METRO ACT – Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the Metro Act Permit for US Signal allowing them a Bilateral Permit. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. MOBILE LIBRARY – Michael Eppink moved, John Bronkema supported, to allow a young resident of our Township to install and maintain a mobile library in the Township Park. She presented pictures of the structure and gave details on how she would maintain the project. Motion CARRIED.

E. PENSION PLAN UPDATE – Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to allow the Clerk to sign the updated pension plan. Motion CARRIED.

F. PRECINCT COMBINATION FOR MAY ELECTION – Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to allow the Clerk to combine precincts for the May, 2023 Grandville School Election. Motion CARRIED.

VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor: Mark Bennett

- + **PFAS** – The Township has become aware of PFAS levels in the Township
 - Lake Michigan Drive and 8th Avenue
- + Road Commission is changing the rules on speed limit changes.
- + Township is looking into an Architect recommendation for Hall updates - including the roof on the Fire Station

Planning Commission; Joel Terpstra

- + Buist PUD on River Hill Drive
- + Ironwood overlay

Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema

- + Buist PUD relief

Fire Board Report - Held a Budget Workshop

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 January of 2023
- D. Planning and Zoning report

VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 7:58 p.m.

Sincerely yours

Lenore D. Cook, Clerk