

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Joel Terpstra, John Bronkema. Members absent: Michael Eppink

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to add two items to the Agenda.

**CROWD CONTROL** – Fund raising bicycle ride to benefit Juvenile Diabetes.

**AGREEMENT FOR EARLY VOTING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** –

Agreement with Ottawa County to provide assistance in conducting early voting.

Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in August of 2023 as presented and to accept as information the treasurer’s report, legal update, and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Allison Miedema, County Commissioner, gave a brief talk regarding the workings of the County Commissioners.

There were approximately 46 residents in attendance. 10 residents spoke against the potential rezoning of the property at the northeast corner of Lake Michigan Drive and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – The Zokoe Team is requesting to rezone a property at 250 Lake Michigan Drive. Parcel Number 70-10-25-200-028 from Single Family Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (C-2) Valdyne Schwallier moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to approve the Zoning Map Amendment as requested. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. FIRST READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – Adrian Persenaire of 2712 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Zeeland, Michigan is requesting to rezone Parcel Number 70-10-23-300-053 (lot 9) and 70-10-23-300-054 (lot 10) from Rural Preserve (RP) to General Commercial (C-2). This property is located east of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north side of Lake Michigan Drive at approximately 1319 Lake Michigan Drive.

**C. RESOLUTION ADOPTION** – Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to adopt the 2022 Kent County, Ottawa County, and the City of Grand Rapids Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion CARRIED.

**D. SIDEWALK PROPOSAL** – Valdyne Schwallier moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to approve the arrangement to accept the payment of \$63,000 from the developer to close out their obligation for the sidewalk property for parcel 70-10-24-392-005. The Township will process the bidding and the construction of the sidewalk/pathway and also construct the sidewalk on the adjacent Consumers Energy property. Motion CARRIED with a unanimous roll call vote.

**E. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT** – Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore Cook supported, to approve the Supervisor’s recommendation to appoint Joe Grochowalski as our new Planning Commission member. Motion CARRIED.

**F. TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS** – Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to accept the bid of \$483,342 from the low bidder – AnLaan Corporation for the Parking Lot Improvements. The construction will be starting in early September. ARPA monies will be used for this project. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**G. CROWD CONTROL** – Valdyne Schwallier moved, John Bronkema supported, to approve the request for a Fundraising Bicycle Ride which will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The course will include Tallmadge Township. They have submitted all necessary paperwork. The event will take place on September 9, 2023. Motion CARRIED.

**H. AGREEMENT FOR EARLY VOTING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to adopt the Agreement for Early Voting Administrative Services with Ottawa County County Clerk. Tallmadge Charter Township will enter into an agreement with Ottawa County providing assistance in conducting early voting as described and defined in the attached agreement for a sum of \$14,246 for two years of Early In-Person Voting.

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

### **Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

- + National Fitness update
- + Update on Policy and Procedure Books
- + Current Criminal Case is scheduled for August 15, 2023

### **Planning Commission: Joel Terpstra -**

- + Two map amendments – rezones – one on Hayes and one on Johnson
- + Gave a brief update on the Smith/Anderson property rezone.

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

### **Fire Board Report:**

**Fire Dept – Michael Gavin, Fire Chief:** - 98 calls for July

## **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Board Minutes (if needed)
- B. Sheriff Department report
- C. List of Building Permits for July of 2023
- D. Planning and Zoning report

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:15 p.m.**

Sincerely yours,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk

