

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Joel Terpstra, and John Bronkema. Absent: Valdyne Schwallier.

Also present were approximately 11 residents.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting and to approve the bills to be paid in December of 2023 as presented and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SECOND READING – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – An**

Ordinance to amend the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by revising SECTION 2.03 – Definitions, Building Height; to provide for severability, to provide for repeal, and to provide for the effective date of this Ordinance. Mark Bennett moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt this request. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. SECOND READING – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - An Ordinance**

to amend the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by revising:

SECTION 5.02(G) – Permitted Uses

SECTION 6.02(c) – Permitted Uses

SECTION 7.03(A)1 – Uses Permitted after Special Approval

SECTION 9A.03(A)1 – Uses Permitted after Special Approval

and to provide for Severability, to provide for Repeal, and to provide for the Effective Date of this Ordinance. John Bronkema moved, Joel Terpstra supported to adopt this request. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – Randy Reeds**

– on behalf the owners - Gregory and Pam Smith and Jeffery and Virginia Anderson – is requesting to rezone Parcels 70-10-23-300-055 and

70-10-23-300-049 from Rural Preserve (RP) to General Commercial (C-2).

These properties are located east of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north side of Lake Michigan Drive at approximately 1319 Lake Michigan Drive. Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to adopt this request. Motion CARRIED with Mark Bennett and John Bronkema voting nay and Joel Terpstra, Lenore D. Cook, Clifford Bronkema and Michael Eppink voting aye.

**D. SECOND READING – INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE.**

Lenore D. Cook moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance with amendments. Motion CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

**E. TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENTS – Recommended by the Township Supervisor, Mark Bennett.**

- 1.) Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to appoint David Hanko and Joe Grochowalski to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. Motion CARRIED
- 2.) John Bronkema moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to appoint Marvin Bennink to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term. Motion CARRIED.
- 3.) John Bronkema moved, Michael Eppink supported, to appoint Lenore D. Cook and Valdyne Schwallier to the Wright Tallmadge Fire Board for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.
- 4.) Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to appoint Mark Bennett to the Grand Valley Metro Council for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.
- 5.) Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to appoint Matt Boelema as Dangerous Building Inspector for a one-year term. Motion CARRIED.
- 6.) Lenore D. Cook moved, Michael Eppink supported, to appoint Ronald Bultje with Dickinson Wright as our Township Attorney for the calendar year 2024. Motion CARRIED
- 7.) Michael Eppink moved, John Bronkema supported, to appoint Al Pennington with Moore and Bruggink as our Township Engineer for the calendar year 2024. Motion CARRIED.
- 8.) Lenore D. Cook moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to appoint the Allendale Township’s Construction Board of Review for the calendar year 2024. Motion CARRIED.

**F. DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP** for fiscal year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025. Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to set the date for the budget workshop for February 22, 2024 at noon. Motion CARRIED.

**VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

- + Update on Dangerous Building Lawsuit
- + Park gates are on back order – should be installed first of the year
- + Getting three bids for the reroofing of Township Hall offices and fire department

**Planning Commission: Joel Terpstra -**

- + Ironwood Corridor Text Amendment

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema** Schedule meeting for December 21, 2023.

**Fire Board Report:**

**Fire Dept – Michael Gavin, Fire Chief**

+ 90 calls for the month of November

+ Two firemen have received their pilot license to operate the Drone

+ 4 new firemen will start class.

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Fire Board Minutes (if needed)

B. Sheriff Department report

C. List of Building Permits for November of 2023

D. Planning and Zoning report

**VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 7:56 p.m.**

Sincerely yours,

Lenore D. Cook, Clerk