

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024  
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, and John Bronkema.

Also present were approximately 10 residents.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, regular meeting, the February 22, 2024 Budget Workshop minutes, to approve the bills to be paid in March of 2024 as presented. To also add the DeGroot Drain as item F and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Eric DeBoer, current Under Sheriff of Ottawa County was present to introduce himself.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING** – Adoption of budgets for fiscal year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025. Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED. Mark Bennett went thru some of the highlights of the budget for the public. Explained current property tax and state revenue. Also contracts with Planner and Assessor. As there was no public comment, Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to close the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED.

- 1.) Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt the Budget – General Fund – 101 for fiscal year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
  - a.) Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore Cook supported, to adopt the Supervisor Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2024 the annual salary of the Supervisor shall be \$52,500. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
  - b.) Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the Clerk Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2024 the annual salary of the Clerk shall be \$52,500. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
  - c.) Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to adopt the Treasurer Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2024 the annual salary of the Treasurer shall be \$52,500. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

- d.) Mark Bennett moved, Lenore D. Cook supported, to adopt the Trustee Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2024 the annual salary of the Trustees shall be \$3500. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 2.) Lenore D. Cook moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to adopt the Budget for the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department – 206 – Operating – for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025 as presented. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote
- 3.) Valdyne Schwallier moved, John Bronkema supported, to adopt the Budget for the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department – 208 – Equipment – for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025 as presented. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. AMEND 2023 – 2024 BUDGET** – Mark Bennett moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to amend the 2023 – 2024 budgets  
Motion CARRIED

**C. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT.** Kenneth and Beverly Tanis are requesting to rezone approximately 2.5 acres of their property located at 8619 Kenow Avenue – Parcel Number 70-14-12-200-025 – from the Agricultural District to Rural Preserve. Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to approve the request of the Zoning Map Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – JAG Development is requesting to rezone Parcel Number 70-10-26-100-018 from Single Family Residential to General Commercial Zoning District. This parcel is located approximately at 1590 Lake Michigan Drive and is 46 acres. The Planning Commission recommended to rezone only that portion subject to the Tallmadge Charter Township Master Plan. Valdyne Schwallier moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to approve the request for this Zoning Map Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**E. WIFI SYSTEM** – Mark Bennett moved, John Bronkema supported, to approve the purchase of a new WIFI System for the entire Tallmadge Township Building at a cost of \$4100. Motion CARRIED

**F. DEGROOT DRAIN** – The Supervisor updated the Board regarding the progress of the DeGroot Drain. An informal meeting will be held on March 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for all involved residents

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

**Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

+ Update on Weglarz

**Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra**

+ Changed meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema**

**Fire Board Report:**

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

- + 75 calls in February
- + 4 of the members have completed EMT class and are working on the National testing and licensing
- + Currently accepting bids to replace 2 of our pumper tankers

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Board Minutes (if needed)
- B. Sheriff Department report
- C. List of Building Permits for February of 2024
- D. Planning and Zoning report

**VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:30 p.m. p.m.**

Sincerely yours,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk