

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mark Bennett 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 18 residents.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in August of 2024. and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

KHC Managed IT account has been moved to the September Board meeting due to a conflict.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING - HEARING OF NECESSITY** – Special Assessment for Skipping Stone Lake Improvements. Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED. A resident thanked the Board for the Lake Assessment. Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to close the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED.

**Resolution #1** – Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to authorize the Supervisor to move forward with the Skipping Stone Lake Improvements. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution # 2** – Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to proceed with the Special Assessment Roll to be held on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING - HEARING OF NECESSITY** – Special Assessment for Fennessy Lake Improvements. Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED. As there were not comments, Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to close the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED.

**Resolution #1** – Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to authorize the Supervisor to move forward with the Fennessy Lake Improvements. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution # 2** – Lenore D. Cook moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to proceed with the Special Assessment Roll to be held on September 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. SKIPPING STONE LANE – PRIVATE ROAD REQUEST**

The residents of Skipping Stone Lane have petitioned the Township to create a special assessment district for the purpose of assessing the cost of the construction of the improvements to Skipping Stone Lane from Lake Michigan Drive to Winans. Mr. Rypma on behalf of the residents of Skipping Stone Lane gave a summary of why they are requesting a special assessment district. They meet all criteria for a variance, most private roads are dead end roads while theirs is not, final coat was not applied to their road, the developer did not pay any association fees nor were there any funds put in reserve.

Joel Terpstra spoke in favor of their request, stating that the Township has the funds and it is legal to approve the request. Mark Bennett reminded the Board that the Road Agreement states no public funds are to be used on Private Roads, that as of now there are five outstanding petitions for public roads being circulated, other private roads have requested the same and were told no.

Lenore D. Cook moved, John Bronkema supported, to deny the request of the petitioners – there are 44+ other private roads, Section 1.05 of Private Road Ordinance states no public funds are to be used.

Motion CARRIED with a roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Cook, Schwallier, Bronkema, Eppink and J. Bronkema. Nays: Terpstra

**D. FLOCK CAMERA DISCUSSION** – Ottawa County has purchased 27 cameras to enhance public safety. Some Townships are choosing to add additional cameras along public roadways. The Sheriff’s office will be at our September board meeting to make a presentation.

**VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

+ Weglarz Lawsuit update

**Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra**

+ Mining Permit

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema**

+ Deck variance

**Fire Board Report:**

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

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:16 p.m.**

Sincerely yours,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk

