

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, February 11, 2025
6:00 P M**

- 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, Valdyne Schwallier, Kent Bollinger, Michael Eppink, Joel Terpstra. Members absent: Karina Rollenhagen.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**
Kent Bollinger moved, John Bronkema supported to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in February of 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer’s report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Tim Smith commented about a Park issue.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. SECOND READING- ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT-**
Mineral, Extracting, Monitoring, and Reclaiming Ordinance. The amendment seeks to amend the Mining Ordinance to provide for the option to reduce any setback or other dimensional requirement. Section 6.16 of the TCTMO. Joel Terpstra stated that the Planning Commission gave full approval to amend the TCTMO to provide for the option to reduce any setback or other dimensional requirement. Joel Terpstra moved; Mike Eppink supported approving the Ordinance Text Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
- B. FIRST READING- – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – Mark Bennett presented the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, (rezoning) to the Zoning Ordinance from John VanDyke to rezone approximately ten acres of his existing property located at parcel number 70-10-11-100-012 from the Agricultural Zoning District (AG) to the Rural Preserve Zoning District (RP). The property to be rezoned is currently vacant. The Planning Commission recommended adoption and determined that the rezone would meet the Three C’s – Consistency, Compatibility, and Capability.
- C. RE-APPOINTMENT OF TCT CEMETERY SEXTON-**
Recommended by Township Supervisor, Mark Bennett to re-appoint Raymond VanBeek as TCT Cemetery Sexton for Maplewood Cemetery. Kent Bollinger moved; Joel Terpstra supported the

appointing of Ray Van Beek as TCT Cemetery Sexton. Motion CARRIED.

D. DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE- Mark Bennett gave an update regarding O-1435 Leonard St. A condemnation notice was posted on 1/27/25. The occupants have until 2/17/25 to vacate. The owners may appeal the Notice of Condemnation, but they are required to vacate the property for safety sake.

VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:

1. TCT is moving forward with getting quotes on park restrooms.
2. The office renovation project is underway. Completion date is scheduled for 3/22/25.
3. Tallmadge Meadows Mobile Home Park – TCT has assisted residents by providing State of Michigan contacts regarding mobile home park violations.
4. Looking into gravel improvements and marking the street corners on Maplewood Cemetery roads with the 2025/2026 budget.
5. News Release regarding the closing of the I-96 Fruitridge bridge within the month. The bridge will be out of service until late November. The posted detour will be Walker Avenue, but there is a potential for increased traffic at 8th Avenue exit as well.
6. Noise complaints at Leonard and 40th Avenue. Please call nonemergency sheriff's office to report. TCT will follow up regarding noise ordinance violation.

+ Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra:

1. Approved site plan proposal for Dollar General at Johnson & Ironwood intersection.
2. Discussed the VanDyke rezone application.
3. Discussed abolishing the Sidewalk In Lieu of Fund

+ Zoning Board of Appeals

+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board – Valdyne Schwallier:

1. Fire Board had their budget workshop planning meeting.
2. Fire Board will meet again in March.

+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Chief report

+ Grand Valley Metro Council

+ Park Committee

+ ARPA Steering Committee

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

+ Fire Board Minutes

+ List of Building Permits for August of 2024

+ Planning and Zoning Report

+ Township Officer Report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Valdyne Schwallier moved; Kent Bollinger supported to approve adjournment at 6:40pm.

Sincerely, Karina Rollenhagen and Mark Bennett

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