

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, Karina Rollenhagen.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwaller supported to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular meeting, February 18, 2025, Budget Workshop meeting and to approve the bills to be paid in March of 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Allison Miedema, Ottawa County Commissioner, provided a detailed update on the workings of the Commissioners.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING- ADOPTION OF BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR** April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported to open the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED. Mark Bennett presented an overview of the 2025-2026 budget items. He explained current property tax and state revenue, as well as contracts with Planner and Assessor. A short discussion was held regarding property tax increases and Michigan Sales Tax Revenue Sharing. John Bronkema moved, Michael Eppink supported, to close the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED.

1). Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported to adopt the Budget – General Fund - 101 for Fiscal Year April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

a.) Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported, to adopt the Supervisor Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Supervisor shall be \$54,100. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

b.) Mark Bennett moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the Clerk Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Clerk shall be \$54,100. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

c.) Kent Bollinger moved, John Bronkema supported, to adopt the Treasurer Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Treasurer shall be \$54,100. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

d.) John Bronkema moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to adopt the Trustee Salary Resolution that as of April 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Trustees shall be \$3,600. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. and 3.) Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to adopt the Budgets for the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department – 206 - Operating and the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department – 208 Equipment for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, as presented. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. AMEND 2024-2025 BUDGET-** Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to amend the Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Motion CARRIED.

**C. SECOND READING- – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** of 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. Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported to approve the request for this Zoning Map Amendment. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. ELECTION COMMISSION-** Recommended by Township Clerk, Karina Rollenhagen to appoint Michael Eppink and Kent Bollinger to the Election Commission. Joel Terpstra moved, John Bronkema supported to appoint Michael Eppink and Kent Bollinger to the Election Commission for a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.

**E. APRIL BOARD MEETING-** Reminder date change to APRIL 24, 2025, at 6:00pm

## **VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

### **+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:**

1. Hayes Street Bridge closure scheduled beginning the week of March 17, 2025, with an expected completion date of August 4, 2025. There are 12 additional road projects listed on the Tallmadge Charter Township website.
2. 14<sup>th</sup> and Lake Michigan Drive – owner is clearing the land; no known project is planned.

- 3. Tallmadge Charter Township Park gates are open for the season.
- 4. Weglarz case update – next court date scheduled for April 11, 2025.
- + **Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra** - gave a brief update regarding sidewalk requirements
- + **Zoning Board of Appeals – John Bronkema** – ZBA approved a pole barn placement in front of a resident’s property.
- + **Wright Tallmadge Fire Board – Michael Eppink** – Fire Department acquired a dump truck to be used to block traffic at accident scenes to protect lives and fire equipment.
- + **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 February of 2025**
- + **Planning and Zoning Report**
- + **Township Officer Report**

**VIII. Adjournment:** Valdyne Schwallier moved, Kari Rollenhagen supported to approve adjournment at 7:27pm. Motion CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Karina Rollenhagen and Mark Bennett