

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 13, 2025
6:00 P M**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mark Bennett called the meeting to order and opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Mark Bennett, John Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Kent Bollinger, Kari Rollenhagen. Absent: Valdyne Schwallier and Joel Terpstra.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**
Kent Bollinger moved, Michael Eppink supported to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025, regular meeting, and to approve the bills to be paid in May of 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer’s report, legal update and correspondence if any.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 - A. A resident suggested placing a small dock in the pond for the turtles to sun themselves.
 - B. A resident expressed frustration with ordinances and processes related to construction projects.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **PARK RESTROOM**- Newco presented their restroom plan and proposal. The plan includes a 20x8x8 steel container building with trellis work on top. The restroom will be located on the walking path near the tennis courts and pavilion. Newco estimates construction will begin late July or early August 2025. John Bronkema moved; Karina Rollenhagen supported to accept the Newco estimate with a total cost not to exceed \$100,000. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.
 - B. **WALKING TRAIL AND PARKING LOT**- Mark Bennett presented the Superior Asphalt, Inc. proposal to patch and seal the lower parking lot and walking trail in park. John Bronkema moved, Kent Bollinger supported to accept the Superior Asphalt, Inc. estimate of \$18,687 and schedule the work in coordination with the park restroom project.
 - C. **WEGLARZ UPDATE**- Mark Bennett shared that the court ordered the residents to vacate the property by May 18, 2025. The court also stated that demolition of the structure may begin on June 18, 2025. The demolition will include removal of structures, and any property left behind by the property owner. RFPs have been sent out for the demolition. The defendant has exhausted his appeals. Tallmadge Charter Township has made numerous attempts to help the residents over the years and has incurred over \$100,000 in legal fees over six

years. There will be a lien on the property for the court costs Tallmadge Charter Township has incurred.

VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:

1. Ottawa Excavators, Inc. was awarded the contract to lay crushed concrete on Maplewood Cemetery roads. The estimated timeline for completion will be after Memorial Day.
2. Road Brining – our previous contractor has retired. Tallmadge Charter Township has entered a combined contract with neighboring townships and the Ottawa County Road Commission. Their product is superior to what we used to receive and therefore only requires two applications over the summer. The first application is scheduled for May 15, 2025.
3. Lake Michigan Drive and 8th Avenue – the State of Michigan has tentatively approved the left turn signal at this intersection. Discussions are at the Lansing level now for this signal.
4. 8th Avenue and Ironwood construction congestion – MDOT felt that it doesn't warrant a temporary signal because the construction is only during a couple of busy times each day.
5. The water damage to the Township Hall has been repaired.
6. Tallmadge Township Deputy Lewkowski has retired. Currently the township is patrolled by district cars. Our new deputy, Bruce Veneman will start June 8, 2025.

+ Planning Commission

+ Zoning Board of Appeals

+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board – Meeting on June 3, 2025

+ 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: Karina Rollenhagen moved, Kent Bollinger supported to approve adjournment at 6:55pm. Motion CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Karina Rollenhagen and Mark Bennett