

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2025  
6:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:00 pm, Mark Bennett called the meeting to order, and Kent Bollinger opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Mark Bennett, John Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Kent Bollinger, Valdyne Schwallier and Karina Rollenhagen. Absent: Joel Terpstra. Also present: approximately six members of the community.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**  
Kent Bollinger moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, regular board meeting, and to approve the bills to be paid in June of 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the Treasurer's Report, Revenue and Expenditure Report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. OTTAWA COUNTY TREASURER Cheryl Clark**- not in attendance.
  - B. WEGLARZ UPDATE**- The township is working with the Sherriff's Department to remove them from the structure as per court order of June 10, 2025.
  - C. DISCUSSION ON THE KEEPING OF ANIMAL ORDINANCE -**  
**Public Comment:** Lori Miller, Tallmadge resident, discussed ambiguity of ordinance language regarding the number of chickens allowed for property under 2.5 acres in the RP, R-1 and L Districts. She also requested the ordinance be changed to allow for keeping of chickens for property under 2.5 acres in the RP, R-1 and L Districts.  
Mark Bennett recommended the Planning Commission review the ordinance language and the Zoning Administrator review the neighboring township ordinances regarding chickens. All trustees agreed with the recommendation.
  - D. TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR TOWNSHIP PROJECTS-**  
Mark Bennett discussed the purposes of the Capital Improvement Plan are to use for future planning and budgeting purposes as well as documentation for future grant application purposes. The CIP

plan currently does not include Broadband. That is still currently in the works with 123Net. John Bronkema moved, Michael Eppink supported to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion CARRIED.

**VI. SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:**

1. Crushed concrete improvements at Maplewood Cemetery are planned for the week of June 24 or June 30, 2025. The township also purchased a new sign for the South entrance to the cemetery.
2. Lake Michigan Drive and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Lansing completed their traffic count study at the intersection. We are still moving toward the left turn traffic signal.
3. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ironwood construction congestion – we are still experiencing traffic issues from construction traffic.
4. Park Restroom – NewCo verified we will receive a one trip container for the restroom. Project completion is estimated for mid-August 2025.

**+ Planning Commission –**

**+ Zoning Board of Appeals**

**+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board – Valdyne Schwallier:**

1. Josh Thibault earned his Certified Fire Inspector credential, so he can now serve Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department as an inspector.
2. Chief Mike Gavin shared that Wright/Tallmadge Fire Department is partnering with Allendale, Coopersville, Chester, Polkton, and Crockery Fire Departments with a truck to protect the safety of firefighters and the firetrucks from traffic on expressways and other high traffic scenes. This truck will be housed in Coopersville Fire Department, which is the closest to the expressway.

**+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Chief report**

**+ Grand Valley Metro Council**

**+ Park Committee**

**VII. Adjournment:** Mark Benett moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Sincerely,

Karina Rollenhagen and Mark Bennett

*Karina Rollenhagen*  
*Mark Bennett*