

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2025
6:00 PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – At 6:00pm, Mark Bennett called the meeting to order, and Joel Terpstra opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Mark Bennett, Kent Bollinger, John Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Karina Rollenhagen, Valdyne Schwallier and Joel Terpstra. Also present: Commissioner Allison Miedema and approximately 6 members of the community.

II. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025, regular meeting, and to approve the bills to be paid in August of 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any.

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Allison Miedema, Ottawa County Commissioner, gave a detailed update on the workings of the Commissioners. Her blog at allisonmiedema.com contains a detailed list of these updates.
- Tim Smith inquired about the restoration of older monuments at Maplewood Cemetery. He also expressed an interest in helping with the restoration.
- James Van Borst asked what is being built across from Kensington Preserve. (Dollar General)
- James Keller stated that he was in attendance out of an interest in the Master Plan Review that he learned about at Kensington Preserve. The Master Plan Review is tentatively scheduled toward the end of October 2025.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **SECOND READING- PATHWAY TEXT AMENDMENT-**

Non-Motorized Pathways of the Tallmadge Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment seeks to remove the pay in lieu of options where pathways are required by TCTZO. **Kent Bollinger moved, Michael Eppink supported to adopt the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.**

- B. **LEVERETTE ST CHIP SEAL-** A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a potential option to chip seal Leverette and if it would be cost effective as a short-term solution versus the cost of

repaving. The Ottawa County Road commission is not required to maintain this road because they classify it as a subdivision road. The board decided to table this discussion for a later date.

- C. ELECTION EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT- Karina Rollenhagen** summarized the Election Equipment Agreement Amendment as proposed by Ottawa County. The agreement is being amended to include additional pieces of election equipment acquired and equipment returned to Ottawa County since the original agreement was signed in 2017. **Mark Bennett moved, John Bronkema supported to adopt the Amendment to the Election Equipment Agreement. Motion CARRIED.**

VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:

1. New Park Restroom – we are waiting for completion of construction. There is a slight hold up with scheduling the contractor for excavation. Bathrooms may now be installed after Labor Day.
2. Post Office Concerns with Tallmadge residents who have Grand Rapids mailing addresses. The Township is working with the USPS to determine a solution.
3. Construction of Utility Building – bids are due by August 29, 2025, for the Board's consideration.
4. Weglarz Update – we are compiling a final bill containing all fees paid that our attorney must file with the court. At that time, our Treasurer will issue a corresponding bill to Mr. Weglarz to recoup costs incurred by the township.

+ Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra:

1. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing at their July 22, 2025, meeting regarding the Tallmadge Pointe Planned Unit Development and Condominium. The PC has given the preliminary PUD approval recommendation three times now for the proposed development. This proposed development has generated resident concerns regarding density and traffic volumes. The minutes of that meeting may be found on the Tallmadge Charter Township website.

+ Zoning Board of Appeals

+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board and Fire Chief Report – Mark Bennett:

1. The Fire Department received 92 service calls in July.
2. The new Fire Apparatus Pumper and Tanker process is moving right along. It will probably be another year before it is delivered.
3. They will be interviewing for paid on-call firefighters at the end of the month.

4. Lieutenant Josh Thibault officially started his duties as a Fire Inspector within the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department. He will be doing some commercial fire inspecting which is long overdue here with our fire service. There will be a quarterly Fire Board meeting in September.

+ Park Committee – Mark Bennett:

1. The new restroom will arrive next month.
2. The park is being used greatly. We may need to consider a reservation system for next year for the use of ball fields, tennis courts and the pavilion.

VII Adjournment: Mark Bennet moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to adjourn the meeting. Motion CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Sincerely,

Karina Rollenhagen and Mark Bennett

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Mark Bennett