

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday December 9, 2025, At 6:00pm  
O-1451 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

- 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: Supervisor Mark Bennett, Trustee Kent Bollinger, Trustee Michael Eppink, Clerk Karina Rollenhagen, Treasurer Valdyne Schwallier and Trustee Joel Terpstra. Absent: Trustee John Bronkema. Also present: Commissioner Allison Miedema and 8 members of the community.
  
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink approved the minutes of the November 11, 2025, regular meeting, and to approve the bills to be paid in December 2025 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer’s report, revenue and expenditures report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.
  
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Allison Miedema, Ottawa County Commissioner, gave an update on the workings of the county Commissioners.
  
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none.
  
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **SECOND READING- PUD REZONE-** Review of the Final Plan as a PUD submitted on behalf of the Lavista Serene Wedding Venue. Location of venue is Lake Michigan Dr east of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, on the north side of roadway (M-45). Valdyne Schwallier moved, Joel Terpstra supported to adopt the proposed PUD Rezone. Roll Call: Yes – Schwallier, Eppink, Bollinger, Terpstra, Bennett, Rollenhagen. Motion CARRIED.
  
  - B. **SECOND READING HARDIN REZONE-** Pursuant to Chapter 22 Ordinance Amendment of the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, below we provide a synopsis of a requested zoning map amendment (rezoning) to the Zoning Ordinance from Craig and Lori Hardin to rezone approximately ten acres of their existing property located at parcel number 70-10-09-200-013, from the Agricultural Zoning District (AG) to the Rural Preserve Zoning District (RP). The property to be rezoned currently is vacant. Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported to adopt the proposed Zoning Map Amendment. Roll Call: Yes – Bollinger, Terpstra, Schwallier, Eppink, Bennett, Rollenhagen. Motion CARRIED.

- C. METRO ACT APPLICATION-** Discussion and action for access to and ongoing use of public ways by telecommunication providers- Metro Fibernet, LLC. Right of way permit is required by law. This would be for use of Lake Michigan Drive, west of the Kent/Ottawa County line. **Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger approved to grant access of public ways to Metro Fibernet, LLC, as requested. Motion CARRIED.**
- D. OWNERSHIP APPOINTMENTS-** Recommended by Township Supervisor, Mark Bennett
1. Planning Commission- **Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported reappointing Marvin Bennink and Erin Hill for 3- year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  2. Zoning Board of Appeals – **Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported reappointing Shirley Bruin for 3-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  3. Dangerous Building Inspector- **Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported reappointing Matt Boelema for a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  4. Fire Board- **Kent Bollinger moved, Karina Rollenhagen supported reappointing Valdyne Schwallier and Michael Eppink to a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  5. GVMC- **Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported reappointing Mark Bennett for a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  6. Township Attorney- **Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported reappointing Ronald Bultje to a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  7. Township Engineer- **Mark Bennett moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported reappointing Al Pennington to a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  8. Building Inspections- **Karina Rollenhagen moved, Kent Bollinger supported reappointing PCI to a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  9. Construction Board of Review- **Kent Bollinger moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported reappointing Allendale Township CBR to a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
  10. Library Board Representative- **Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported reappointing Jacoba Bouma to the Allendale Township Library Board for a 1-year term. Motion CARRIED.**
- E. POVERTY RESOLUTION UPDATE-** Update the language of our existing resolution that was enacted in 2016. **Kent Bollinger moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to adopt the Poverty Guidelines Resolution 2025 as presented. Motion CARRIED.**

- F. **SPECIAL MEETING FOR FY2026/27- Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger supported to schedule the budget workshop on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 3pm. Motion CARRIED.**

**VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett:**

1. MDOT has set up equipment for the left turn signal at Lake Michigan Drive and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We hope the light will become active soon. We were assisted by an individual at Luke Meerman’s office in Lansing to get this moving forward.
2. Builders Trust Fund (Developer Deposits) – this fund was audited internally, and checks were dispersed for completed projects.
3. Traffic Study regarding Tallmadge Pointe PUD has been completed. This item may be ready for the January Boad meeting.
4. There are some Consumers Power boxes hanging open with wires hanging out in our area. These boxes are essentially obsolete. The Grand Valley Metro Council is working to get them cleaned up.

**+ Clerk – Karina Rollenhagen:** nothing new to report.

**+ Treasurer – Valdyne Schwallier:** December tax bills have been mailed out. These taxes are due by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**+ Planning Commission –** no meeting.

**+ Zoning Board of Appeals –** approval of variance related to a deck on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board and Fire Chief Report –** they received 96 calls last month.

**+ Park Committee – Valdyne Schwallier:** the work is almost complete on the new restroom. It will be open in the spring of 2026.

**VII. Adjournment: Mark Bennet moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Karina Rollenhagen  
Tallmadge Charter Township Clerk



Mark Bennett  
Tallmadge Charter Township Supervisor