TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 13, 2026, 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 John Bronkema, Trustee Michael Eppink, Clerk Karina Rollenhagen, Treasurer Valdyne Schwallier, and Trustee Joel Terpstra. Also present approximately 8 members of the community.

II. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Kent Bollinger approved the minutes of the September 8, 2026, regular meeting, and to approve the bills to be paid in October 2026, as presented, and accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

a. The Honorable Juanita Bocanegra shared that she is a current incumbent and is running for Judge for the 58th District Court.
b. Allison Miedema, Ottawa County Commissioner, gave an update on the workings of the county commissioners.
c. Joe Moss, Ottawa County Commissioner, gave additional updates on the workings of the county commissioners.
d. Chris Marco from Lakeshore Advantage gave a presentation regarding their involvement with businesses and the workforce in Ottawa County.
e. James VanBorst is thankful Tallmadge Charter Township is now sending Text Alert messages.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE-**

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **MINING OPERATIONS TIPPING FEE-** In regard to the mining operation on Linden Drive. The township ordinance states that we shall set the tipping fee. The common fee used in our area is .05 cents per cubic yard. Mark Bennett proposed that we consider setting an administrative tipping fee at .05 cents per cubic yard. We are currently at 86,000 yards, the term of the permit. This would amount to $4,300 of fees. **Kent Bollinger moved, Michael Eppink approved to assess a .05 cent per cubic yard tipping fee with a 1-year term subject to an annual review effective 10/1/2026. Motion CARRIED.**

B. **DISTRIBUTION OF TOWNSHIP AUDIT-** FY 2025/26 financial statements were distributed to board members. Further discussion will take place at our November 2026 meeting.

C. **TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ESTA/PTO TIME OFF-** Discussion on updating township policy to comply with practice and Michigan law. **Valdyne Schwallier moved, John Bronkema approved to proceed with the ESTA/PTO policy as presented and consult with attorney. Motion CARRIED.**

D. **LAMONT RE-PAVING PROJECT-** Mark Bennett stated that documentation was sent to owners of properties for the assessment to begin December 2027. Costs increased since the initial bid was received. We will wait until March 2027 for new pricing as part of a package with other projects.

E. **TEXT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**- We currently have 8 people signed up for the Tallmadge Township Texts through TextMyGov.

F. **MASTER PLAN MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION-** There will be a special meeting either November 17 or December 1, 2026, with the Planning Commission to go over the Master Plan.

VI SUPERVISOR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS

+ Supervisor – Mark Bennett – Tallmadge Meadows is under a receivership, and they are doing a great job. The entire park has water, and the water lines will be buried shortly.

+ Clerk – Karina Rollenhagen – Early Voting will be at the township hall for all three precincts from October 24 – November 1, 2026. Election Day will be November 3, 2026, at all three precincts.

+ Planning Commission – Joel Terpstra – Their main item is Phase 2 of Ironwood Manufacturing. They have infrastructure at the street. This item passed unanimously.

+ Zoning Board of Appeals – John Bronkema – nothing to report.

+ Wright Tallmadge Fire Board – Valdyne Schwallier – The new pumper trucks for the fire department will be delivered Friday or Saturday. They will still need to go through final inspections.

+ Grand Valley Metro Council – Kent Bollinger – tomorrow evening they are hosting the annual dinner for local government units.

VII. Adjournment: Valdyne Schwallier moved, Kent Bollinger supported to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karina Rollenhagen
Tallmadge Charter Township Clerk

Mark Bennett
Tallmadge Charter Township Supervisor