

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
AT 7:00 P.M.
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I. CALL TO ORDER James Van Ess, Supervisor, called the meeting to order and Joel Terpstra opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members present: James Van Ess, Lenore D. Cook, Brenda Martin, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Joel Terpstra, Tim Grifhorst.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Tim Grifhorst moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 regular meeting and the February 7, 2017 Budget Workshop meeting, approve the bills to be paid in March of 2017 as presented and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any. Motion also included deleting item E and adding item G. Purchase of four entry doors. H. Townships Joint Agreement with the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department to be reviewed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Matt Fenske, our County Commissioner updated the Board on Wind Turbines, Mental Health, Drug Treatment Court, Walk for Warmth, 911 texting, and Park Updates.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing for adoption of Budgets – both the Townships General Fund and the Wright Tallmadge Fire Departments Operating and Equipment Fund for Fiscal Year April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Joel Terpstra moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the public. No Comment. Joel Terpstra moved, Lenore Cook supported, to close the meeting to the public. Motions CARRIED.

1.) Joel Terpstra moved, Tim Grifhorst supported, to adopt the Tallmadge Township General Budget (101) as presented. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

a.) Lenore Cook moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt the Resolution setting the annual salary of the Tallmadge Township Supervisor. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

b.) Michael Eppink moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to adopt the Resolution setting the annual salary of the Tallmadge Township Clerk. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

c.) Michael Eppink moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt the Resolution setting the annual salary of the Tallmadge Township Treasurer. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

d.) Timothy Grifhorst moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to adopt the Resolution setting the per meeting salary of the Tallmadge Township Trustees. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

2.) Michael Eppink moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to adopt the Wright Tallmadge Fire Department Budgets (206 – Operating and 208 – Equipment) as presented. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Crowd Control – Lamont Christian School – Brenda Martin moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to authorize the application of Lamont Christian School to conduct a Running Race on Township roads on April 22, 2017. Motion CARRIED

C. Crowd Control – US Cycling, Inc. – Brenda Martin moved, Michael Eppink supported, to authorize the application of US Cycling, Inc. to conduct a Cycling Event on Township Roads on August 6, 2017. Motion CARRIED.

D. Road Grade Variance for a Private Road – Dogwood – Clifford Bronkema moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to excuse Timothy Grifhorst from participating in this item due to conflict of interest. Motion CARRIED. Mr. Grifhorst is seeking a variance for a road grade on a private road. Per Section 1.09 of our Private Road Ordinance Mr. Grifhorst must appeal to the Township Board and is required to meet four standards of the Private Road Ordinance. The road was installed in 1994 and meets all other requirements. He has been to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals and has obtained their approval. Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported to approve Mr. Grifhorst variance application. #1- The variance will not be a detriment to adjacent properties. #2 – The property is not so recurrent in nature that revisions to Ordinance itself is not necessary. #3 – The literal enforcement of the requirements of this Ordinance would cause undue hardships. #4 – Cause unnecessary hardship. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote. (6 to 0)

E. See Consent Agenda

F. The Township Grange Hall established in 1837 is going up for sale. The Board was requested to think about what might happen to the Grange and would the Township be at all interested in purchasing this building. After a month of discussion, the Board in its entirety decided not to purchase the Grange Hall due to the fact we have no purpose for the building nor the monies to upkeep the building.

G. Lenore Cook moved, Joel Terpstra supported, to purchase four doors from S.A. Morman – two at rear of Hall rental room and two on the west side of building – at a cost of approximately \$6500. Motion CARRIED.

H. Joint Fire, Rescue and Medical Service Agreement between Wright and Tallmadge Township established in 1974 and updated in 2004 needs an annual review. Timothy Grifhorst moved, Michael Eppink supported, to have the Supervisor review and report to the Board if any corrections or changes need to be done. The Wright Tallmadge Fire Board reviewed the Agreement at their March Board Meeting. Motion CARRIED.

I. It was agreed that the Clerk and Treasurer are allowed to amend the budget for the fiscal year 2016 to 2017.

VI SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor: James Van Ess Traffic Light is energized

Planning Commission: Joel Terpstra Agape addition and NAPA

Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema Variance for Dogwood Lane

Fire Board: Timothy Grifhorst March 7, 2017 Meeting – see attached

Haz-Mat: Michael Eppink

Park Committee: Joel Terpstra

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fire Chief Report

B. Sheriff Department report

C. List of Building Permits for February of 2017

D. Planning and Zoning report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lenore D. Cook, Clerk