

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** William Wiersma, Supervisor, called the meeting to order with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members present:** William Wiersma, Lenore D. Cook, Toby Van Ess, Gerald Walt, Clifford Bronkema, Roy Bolthouse, Lester Langeland
- II. CONSENT AGENDA** Gerald Walt moved, Roy Bolthouse supported, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2007 regular meeting, approve the bills as presented, accept as information the report of the treasurer, legal updates and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Rick Sykes, our new community police officer, came to introduce himself to the Township Board and give us a brief synopsis of what his plans are.
Four Calvin Christian High School students came to observe the Board in action for their government class.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. Public Hearing for Adoption of Budget of Tallmadge Township for fiscal year April 1, 2007 thru March 31, 2008. Toby Van Ess moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to go to a public hearing. Motion CARRIED. Two residents were present and their questions were about METRO revenue, delinquent taxes, personal property taxes and salaries were answered. Roy Bolthouse moved, Gerald Walt supported, to close the public hearing. Motion CARRIED. Toby Van Ess moved, Lester Langeland supported, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wiersma, Cook, Walt, Langeland, Bolthouse, Van Ess. Nays: Bronkema. Motion CARRIED.
- B. Public Hearing for Adoption of Budget of Wright Tallmadge Fire Department for fiscal year April 1, 2007 thru March 31, 2008. Toby Van Ess moved, Gerald Walt supported, to go to a public hearing. Motion CARRIED. No comment from residents. Toby Van Ess moved, Lenore Cook supported, to close the public hearing. Motion CARRIED. Toby Van Ess moved, Lester Langeland supported, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bronkema, Van Ess, Bolthouse, Langeland, Walt, Cook, Wiersma. Nays: None. Motion CARRIED.
- C. Second Reading and action needed for a Zoning Text Amendment. Toby Van Ess moved, Lester Langeland supported, to approve the Zoning Text Amendment –Screening Requirement – which included Sec. 3.17(c)1, 10.06 (a)3, 11.06(a)3, 12.06(a)4 - Motion CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

- D. Lester Langeland moved, Toby Van Ess supported, to approve the Gypsy Moth Spraying per Liz Sperry's estimate of 150 acres at \$20.00 per acre. Motion CARRIED.
- E. Lagoon Property – Approximately 21 acres of property – formerly used by Wright Township for lagoons were given back to Tallmadge Township. The MDEQ has approved the property for transfer to Tallmadge Township but the property has not yet been studied and found fit for development. The trustees do not want to spend approximately \$30,000 at this time to have an environmental company test the property. Roy Bolthouse moved, Gerald Walt supported, to sell the property as is and in the meantime rent this property for Agricultural usage. Lenore Cook asked about the adjacent five acres owned by Wright Township. Lester Langeland said to let Wright Township gamble on that. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Walt, Bolthouse, Langeland. Nays: Bronkema, Wiersma, Cook, Van Ess. Motion FAILED. Lester Langeland moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to put the acreage up for sale as is by listing it with a realtor. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wiersma, Cook, Langeland, Bronkema. Nays: Van Ess, Walt, Bolthouse. Motion CARRIED.
- F. NPDES – Two townships in Michigan took MDEQ to court claiming an unfunded mandate and that they were not owners of storm water discharge systems. The townships won and MDEQ did not appeal, however, the lawsuit only affects the two townships. Ottawa County supervisors are considering a lawsuit of their own and will report back to each township. A letter was sent by our attorney informing the MDEQ of Tallmadge Township's request for a refund of the annual permit fee paid by the Township, on the basis that the Township does not own and operated a storm sewer system.
- G. Lester Langeland moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation with the Township Attorney, because holding the discussion in public session would have a detrimental financial effect upon the Township and its ability to settle the case. Motion CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote. A motion was made and carried to go back to our regular meeting with no action taken.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Tallmadge Township Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 5 from
8:00a.m. to Noon.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk**