

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005  
REGULAR MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

William Wiersma, Supervisor, called the meeting to order with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present: William Wiersma, Frank Sessions, Lenore D. Cook, Gerald Walt, Clifford Bronkema, Roy Bolthouse, Lester Langeland.**

**II. CONSENT AGENDA** Gerald Walt moved, Roy Bolthouse supported, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2005 regular meeting, approve the bills and accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update and correspondence if any. Motion CARRIED.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gail Ringelberg with the Ottawa Council on Aging was present to give an update to the Township Board.

Sara Adams with the Ottawa County Sheriff Department gave an update as to what she is doing in our community.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Revised Sewer Use Ordinance – The Board decided to post this Ordinance in five places in the Township to save on publication fees.
- B. First Reading for Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance. The Board decided to post this Ordinance in five places in the Township to save on publication fees.
- C. Frank Sessions moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to go to the Public Hearing for Verizon Wireless who is requesting a Special Use Permit to place a cell tower in a residential area. Motion CARRIED. A representative from Verizon explained to the Board their reasons for requesting the Special Use. (See Planning Commission minutes of June 13, 2005) After much discussion Frank Sessions moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to close the public hearing. Motion CARRIED. Frank Sessions moved, Lenore Cook supported, to table this request for additional information and study. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bronkema, Sessions, Langeland, Wiersma, Bolthouse, Cook, Walt. Motion CARRIED.
- D. William Wiersma recommended, Frank Sessions supported, to appoint Edward Kunst to the Board of Review. Motion CARRIED.

- E. Pump Station at Northeast corner of Leonard Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Frank Sessions moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to allow Roy Bolthouse to abstain from this vote due to a conflict of interest. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bronkema, Sessions, Langeland, Wiersma, Walt, Cook. Motion CARRIED. Sessions moved, Cook supported, to adopt a Resolution calling for a pump station to be installed at the northeast corner of Leonard Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That the Township Board authorizes its engineers to finalize the construction plans for the sanitary sewer expansion including a pump station not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to seek bids for that construction. General fund monies will not fund this project. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wiersma, Cook, Sessions, Walt. Nays: Bronkema, Langeland. Motion CARRIED.
- F. It has come to the attention of the Board that the park needs some maintenance work done. Lenore Cook moved, William Wiersma supported, to allow \$500.00 of maintenance work to be done on the Softball fields at this time. Motion CARRIED.
- G. The Township Board at their June meeting went through the budget line by line to see where cuts could be made. Frank Sessions moved, Clifford Bronkema supported to approve the attached cuts. Motion CARRIED.
- H. The City of Coopersville extended an invitation to all board members to attend a workshop on Parliamentary Procedures and the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- I. Roy Bolthouse moved, Gerald Walt supported, to grant a variance request on a private road known as LaMac located at approximately 0-1584 Leonard Street. The parcels being served by this private road are in a Rural Preserve zone except for one lot being R-1. Our private road ordinance does not allow private roads in a R-1 area. The Township Board, however, can grant a variance. By allowing a variance to this one lot – allowing the front parcel to use the private road a dangerous situation will be eliminated. Motion CARRIED.
- J. The telephone system for the Township completely failed on July 11, 2005. This system was installed in 1991. Frank Sessions moved, Lenore Cook supported to allow the clerk to procure three bids not to exceed \$10,000. Motion CARRIED.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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

