

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2011

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday December 8, 2011. The meeting was held at the Township Hall: 621 Cliff St, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Henrich, Maichele, King, Talbot, Myers, and Dougherty
O'Connor Excused

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 12-8-01 by King/ Talbot to accept Agenda with amendments to Unfinished Business adding letters: (c): for Personnel Policy. And letter (d): Closed Session (for labor negotiations).

Roll Call Vote: Maichele, King, Talbot, Myers, Henrich, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

PROCLAMATION: Dougherty introduced Wendy from the Holiday Inn and presented her with the 2011 Quality Excellence Award.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-8-2 by Henrich/ King to approve prior minutes as printed by Teresa Myers subject to any corrections.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, King, Maichele, Myers, Henrich, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

Treasurer's Report:

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of November 30, 2011

General Fund	\$ 109,520.19
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$1,162,308.74
Sanitation Fund	\$ 131,413.26
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 299,760.07
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,436.55
Public Safety Fund	\$ 35,654.80
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 148,345.71

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

None

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission meeting December 21, 2011

Z.B.A. Meeting – None

Budget Workshop – January 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Next Township Board Meeting – January 12, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-8-3 by Maichele/ Henrich to approve the November Check Register.

Roll Call Vote: Henrich, King, Maichele, Talbot, Myers, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor – Introduced Jesse Nelson, CPA. Nelson presented to the board a packet about Bond Refinancing. Questions were asked by Henrich, King, and Dougherty all were answered. Nelson thanked the board for their time.

Clerk – asked for the refund of previous cemetery lot purchase from Mr. & Mrs. Adcock. Also commented on the Redistricting and the changes that were made. More future Information to come regarding the February 28, 2011 Election.

Treasurer – Tax bills went out. Talbot reported that Triangle Mobile Home Park came in and paid the balance due on their outstanding Trailer fees. Dougherty Thanked Paul Anderson for his help in this matter.

Clerk – Motion 12-8-4 by Henrich/ Maichele to purchase back lot 206 spaces 3 & 4 from Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Adcock from Ceresco Cemetery for \$100.00.

Roll Call Vote: King, Maichele, Henrich, Myers, Talbot, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

Zoning Administrator – None

Assessor - None

Public Safety – 670 complaints including a: kidnaping, abduction and robbery at Wal-Mart in which we were able to make an arrest. Troy Estree is back to work as 12-7-11, he was the officer that was dragged at Wal-Mart. Diane announced that she was very thankful for the officers catching the Bank Robber from Southern Michigan Credit Union where her son worked. Dougherty made a short announcement on letting Public Safety know when you see something that you think is not right, call 911. Also more trees down since the heavy snow that we had a few days ago our officers were once again johnnie-on-the spot and had roads cleared right away. That brought up the discussion with Olson and Dougherty

about brush and trees being down and residents having to do some of the cleanup themselves. There are no more funds available for cleanup.

(King commented on a private contractor doing brush wanted to know who was doing this and who they were working for.) Dougherty replied that there the County had waste money that Julie Camp Seifke had told him about. The private contractor was working for the Road Commission.

There was also the mention of residents letting the Township know where street lights are out so the Township can inform Consumer's Energy. Residents may also call Consumers themselves.

PLANNING AND ZONNING &

SEWER AND WATER BUSINESS – Buckley updated on the sanitary sewer problem and the design of the system being a problem. The City is concerned about the system over the winter, they don't want to have a collapsed system. The City would like to line the pipes and manholes and they are preparing to do this now, all will be done underground with no disruption to the road. There would be no cost to the Township or its Resident's. This buys us time to work on a permanent fix and gives us time to work on a new design. The lining of the pipes and manholes could buy us up to 6 months. This will also give Buckley time to find more of the answers the Board is asking for. There was some discussion with Maichele, King, and Buckley on the old system and its design. Dougherty commented on the meetings that Buckley and he had with the tribe on this issue.

ASSESSING BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC SAFETY BUSINESS – Looking for some warning systems to better inform people for storm readiness. Also Public Safety received a bill from Battle Creek Tile for roughly around \$4,000.00 for all the tile and grout to finish up Public Safety. Olson mentioned the Proclamation for Impaired Driving starting the week of December 16 – January 2, 2012 that we will be participating in.

King commented on the County providing us with Homeland Security & Storm Readiness. Olson replied that the County has not pursued this yet. King commented on this being another service that we would have to pay for. More discussion on how to alert residents with Dougherty, Olson, and King.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –

Motion 12-8-5 by King/ Maichele to adopt The Emmett Township Resolution T11-08 for the Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention from December 16, 2011 thru January 2, 2011.

Roll Call Vote: Maichele, Myers, Talbot, Henrich, King, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Attorney Bill from previous month taken care of.

Web Page – moved to unfinished business for next month.

NEW BUSINESS -

Hantz Group – Donald Stoner & Daniel Wegner, explained there Insurance Program and how it worked. Thanked the Board for their Time.

Clerk asked Board to approve to pay Equipment Maintenance for (4) Optech voting machines.

Motion 12-8-6 by King/ Talbot to pay the Maintenance on the (4) Optech Machines for \$ 235.00 each.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Talbot, Maichele, King, Henrich, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

Personnel Policy – Henrich on our current Personnel Policy that is around 20 years old. He would like to see this of the back burner and would like a committee formed. Asked for a couple of residents to help with this. If interested please contact John O'Connor or Chuck Henrich.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment from resident about hitting a deer and how quick our Public Safety's response was.

Motion 12- 8-7 by King/Maichele to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Henrich, Talbot, Myers, King, Maichele, and Dougherty All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

TRUSTEE COMMENTS - None

Motion 12-8-8 by King/ Henrich to come out of closed session.

Voice Vote: All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**
O'Connor Excused

ADJOURNMENT

Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 9:10p.m.

Patrick Dougherty, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township