

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
July 6, 2015

Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 2:00 p.m. on Monday July 6, 2015. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street Battle Creek, MI 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

**Board Member Attendance**

Present: Dougherty, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, and Hill,  
Absent: Jacox

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**Budget Workshop**

This meeting was started with discussion on waiving the Conditional Use Permit for Dan Parrott and allowing him to live in his trailer for up to one year while his house is being rebuilt and returning the \$200.00 fee that he has paid for the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion 15-07-01 by Buller/ Talbot to allow Mr. Parrott to live in his trailer for up to one year while he rebuilds and refund his \$200.00 Conditional Use Permit Fee.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES**

Jacox – Excused

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity has contracted with Nancy Jo Lawrence of 6683 B Drive North, Battle Creek, for roof repair. We are replacing damaged boarding and installing new 15 to 20 year life laminated asphalt shingles on this home. In keeping our costs low Habitat is asking the Township to waive the permit fees. I spoke with Steve Buller, Inspector, and he is waiving his portion of the permit fee of \$100.00. Would the Township also waive the administration fee of \$ 50.00?

Motion 15-07-02 by Buller/Talbot to waive the \$ 50.00 administrative fee for Nancy Jo Lawrence of 6683 B. Drive North.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty and Hill

**ALL YES**

Jacox – Excused

**MOTION CARRIED**

Lawnmower Purchase there was much discussion on this issue with the type of lawnmower the cost and who would be doing the lawn mowing. Mike Olson said the Station Guys would be the ones doing the mowing here at the Township and at the D Drive property. There was more discussion on the Farmers Market and the mowing of the area behind the Township, before you can do any mowing the whole area on the side of the Township Building and the back would need to be brush hogged first before it can even be mowed. Dougherty stated that he knew someone that does brush hogging and will have

them come up in the next day or two and give us an estimate on the cost. Look at getting bids for the lawn mowing of the Farmers Market area and the back area behind the Township.

Roads – The state has already come up with another plan to raise the gas tax for the roads.

County Rules for Parks and Regulations there was a lot of discussion on the Trail ways and Parks with there being lots of damage to both and if the Township would be able to help. Olson explained that first we would have to adopt the County Rules for the Parks and Regulations before we could do anything. Hill stated that he would get ahold of McFarlane and Richard Lindsey and discuss with them on what we needed to do.

Fireworks – Discussion on the 5 million dollar liability insurance and the fact that Steve Titus from Hots could not even find a 5 million dollar policy so the Board decided that it should be changed to a 1 million dollar policy in our Ordinances. Also discussion on the time that fireworks are lit off on the day before, the day of, or the day after being 1 a.m. in our Ordinances and maybe backing it off to midnight but with all the discussion on this it was decided to leave the time alone. Olson brought up the fact that we charge a \$100.00 fee for fireworks and the fact that our forms state \$ 250.00 and we need to amend our Ordinance to \$ 250.00 dollars.

Motion 15-07-03 by Myers/ Talbot to go into Budget Workshop

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, and Hill

**ALL YES**

Jacox – Excused

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion on Emmett Townships Fee structure and to look at Battle Creek City's Fee's to see how comparable we are at the Township. Also need to look at Water and Sewer Fees and what Battle Creek City keeps for maintenance.

Dougherty commented that Buller and himself attended the MTA meeting in Marshall last week with the speaker being Larry Merrill and would like it if more of the Board could attend. The discussion was on Roads.

Hill asked about purchasing Picnic tables for the Farmers Market which brought up the discussion on how keep them there at the Farmers Market site. Buller and Hill said they would chain them to the Trees. It was decided to bring this up at this Thursday's Board Meeting July 9, 2015.

Motion 15-07-04 by Dougherty / Gunning to come out of Budget Workshop.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, Myers, and Hill

**ALL YES**

Jacox – Excused

**MOTION CARRIED**

Geigle- talked about our upgrade to fiber optics in this area and stated that there is not one at this time through Comcast, however CTS does have fiber optics in this area and since the line would possibly be going by the Township, it could reduce the cost of hooking up with them considerably. Geigle is still waiting for a final cost and will give an update when he receives one. There was also discussion on the GIS Mapping and what size server we would need to upgrade to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 15-07-05 by Hill at 3:45 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor

Emmett Charter Township

Teresa M. Myers, Clerk

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