

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
BUDGET WORKSHOP
June 1, 2015

Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 2:00 p.m. since no quorum was present at this time there was much discussion on what had been accomplished in the last two years with Buller, Myers, Stone, Deshon, Cunningham, Olson, and Hill at 2:45 Talbot arrived Quorum now present.

Board Member Attendance taken at 2:45 pm

Present: Myers, Buller, Talbot, and Hill, QUORUM PRESENT

Absent: Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning

Budget Workshop

This meeting was started with discussion on revenues and expenditures and what all departments could do to help out. Hill stated that we need to look at our fees and raising them to be more in line with Battle Creek City's. Stone mentioned that Kuhn's (our cemetery sexton) had said our cemetery fees are lower than anybody's around and maybe we should think about raising them as well. There was a question on whether we could buy property on auction and make profits for the Township. Also discussion on the Farmers Market and the Peddlers Permit Fees. Discussion on 911 dispatch fees Lt. Cunningham explained how much 911 dispatch had increased since 2009 at \$94,000 per year to now being \$222,000 per year, that's a 135% increase, we have to do something to get the cost down. There was much discussion on the cost of the 911 dispatch fee and talk about a new agreement and potentially placing a cap on Emmett's portion.

Chief Olson brought up the P.O.L.C. negotiations for Public Safety and explained what the Public Safety Officers were asking for; he stated that they had agreed to 0% raise this year as long as they were guaranteed a 3% raise as of April 1, 2016. There was some discussion on this and the Board agreed that we should except the offer made by the committee for 0% raise at this time and 3% raise starting April 1, 2016.

Motion 15-06-01 by Buller/ Talbot to except the committee's recommendation of 0% raise at this time and a 3% raise as of April 1, 2016.

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

4 Yes

Absent: Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning

Motion Carried

Buller commented that he hopes that this Board can leave something good to a new Board in November of 2016.

There was discussion on the purchase of a Lawn Mower for the Township and what kind of lawnmower we should purchase it was decided to continue this discussion at a later time.

Motion 15-06-02 by Hill to Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Voice Vote: **ALL YES**
 MOTION CARRIED

Timothy Hill, Supervisor

Emmett Charter Township

Teresa M. Myers, Clerk

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