

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
March 17, 2014

Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Member Attendance**

Present: Dougherty, Gunning, Buller, Myers, Talbot, and Hill  
Jacox- Excused,

QUORUM PRESENT

**Budget Workshop**

This meeting started out with everyone going through the proposed requested budget from the beginning line item by line item. The first line item to be addressed was the Street Lights in which Teresa Myers had reversed the revenues and expenditures; this was changed to what it should have been.

The next item was to add the Contractor's Registration Fee Revenue back in starting April 1, 2014 the line item for this is: 101-000-476.00 amount requested \$500.00.

The next item was a notice of activity classified wrongly in# 101-101-965.34 which Stone said she was going to check out and correct.

Next item was the **Assessing Department** – Assessor Salary there was a lot of discussion as Assessor Mike Leslie passed out documentation on the rate of pay for other entities for Assessors. Gunning asked Leslie what it was that he would like his salary to be set at. Leslie explained that he would like a rate that would be comparable to some of the others. Dougherty responded by asking if \$58,000.00 would be good. Talbot and Myers thought \$55,000.00 would be better. Buller, no comment. Dougherty, Gunning and Hill thought \$58,000.00 would be good. For the 2014-15 proposed requested budget, the Assessor Salary was entered in at \$58,000.00 which \$8,000.00 was moved from line item #101-161-704.07 Assessor Aide to Leslie's Salary. There was also conversation of Leslie sending out Assessment Notices to Allegra and the cost difference of having staff help. Leslie commented that they do it for **\$300.00** and then we pay the postage. There was much discussion on this issue and several Board members decided that it would be just as cheap to have Allegra do the work.

Next the Board reviewed the **Supervisors Budget** and made a few reductions.

Next the Board reviewed the Budget for **Elections** and a minor addition of \$100.00 added to 101-191-803.00 Consulting Engineers. Also it was discussed about correcting line the line item #101-191-939.01 to the correct classification of Machine Maintenance, from Copier Lease. Was budgeted at \$3,600.00

Next were the **Clerks** line items which were good.

Next the **Treasurer** line items with one change which was to remove \$100.00 from equipment maintenance.

Next was **Building Authority** and here there were three changes with the first one being line item # 101-261-930.00 Building Maintenance and making the total **\$20,000.00** instead of \$15,000.00. The next line item was #101-261-955.00 Miscellaneous and this was changed from \$10,000.00 to **\$30,000.00**. The last change in Building Authority was Capital Outlay with line item #101-261-970.00 being increased by \$5,000.00 to make it a total of **\$15,000.00**.

**Planning and Zoning Boards** next with a change, which is the removal of line, item # 101-401-802.00 Legal Counsel as this was Paul Anderson and he is now on Public Safety's side of the budget and his legal will be absorbed.

Next item is **Fees Paid** – Drains this line item was underestimated and we will need to add \$6,000.00 to line item #101-851-965.33 to make the total 46,000.00.

Next was **205 Fund Public Safety** Director's salary increase was discussed among Board Members with different numbers tossed out. The Board came up with an increase of 7,156.00 in line item #205-305-702.01 to make the total \$69,660.00. This would also raise the Social Security, Pension, and Medicare lines in which Lt. Cunningham stated he would figure and input.

The Budget Workshop group decided to end the workshop at this point, as the rest of the budget was Sewer and Water and Hill, Talbot and Myers collectively would look at those at a later date and set the requested/ proposed Budgets for 592 and 883.

Motion 14-03-13 to Adjourn by Hill at 12:15 P.M.

Voice Vote:

Jacox- Excused

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor

Teresa M. Myers, Clerk

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