

Charter Township of Emmett
Special Board Meeting
And Public Hearing

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m. on Monday December 2, 2013. 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

Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, Buller, Jacox, Myers and Hill **QUORUM PRESENT**

Public Hearing

Motion 13-2-1 by Gunning/ Buller to go into Public Hearing for Division Drive Repaving.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Talbot and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

There was much discussion on the Division Drive Repaving Project with the Public and the Board. The discussion included questions as to how many years residents would have to pay. This was answered by a Board Member that the Board decides how many years along with interest and administrative fees if there are any. Another was how they would be billed would it be separately or added on tax bills. Talbot answered that it would depend on what time of year they paved the road if it was done in early spring it would be billed in the summer if it was later in the summer it would probably be on the winter taxes.

Resident commented that it would be nice if someone could check and make sure that the residents on Division Drive got good quality asphalt.

Resident commented on when the project on Division Drive is finished, would the County maintain the road this time as it had not been done in the past. Since this is a lot of money that the residents have to pay they would hate to see the road back in the condition that it's in today.

Resident commented on the fact that people are throwing out chairs and other garbage on the side of the road.

Jacox answered that they are doing the same on his road (River Road) and if he catches them he gives them two options one being they can pick it back up the other he can call the police.

Same resident asked Olson that if they had a picture of the license plate would he do something about it. Olson stated that they would but it would also be helpful to have a picture of their face.

Motion 13-2-2 by Buller/Jacox to come out of the Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Dougherty, Talbot and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 13-2-3 by Buller/ Jacox to proceed with the Special Assessment District for the Division Drive Repaving Project to the County with the longest payback as possible.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Jacox, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Special Meeting

Motion 13-2-4 by Buller/Jacox to go into Special Meeting

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Myers, Gunning, Talbot, Dougherty, Buller and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Review Bids for taking down the Hardware Store

There was discussion on the three bids that we had received and the fact that they were all local contractors.

Buller explained that there is a building in the City of Battle Creek that is a dangerous building and that it needs to come down and the contractor that the City has hired to take it down would like things to move along quickly and if Buller can get this to happen the contractor might be willing to take the hardware down for free.

Jacox with a question on while we are waiting to find out about the prospect of the Hardware being taken down should we be boarding up windows. Buller replied that he would have Lawson check and see if there were some that needed to be boarded up and that he knew a couple of windows had already been done.

Support for the Creation of a Capital Improvement Program

There was much discussion on the issue of the Capital Improvements Program's Committee as to who would be on the committee and what kind of things would go into Capital Improvements. Myers commented on what the Board would be voting on would be to get the Committee set up as there are certain steps in setting up a Capital Improvements Plan.

Motion 13-2-5 by Gunning/ Jacox to establish a Capital Improvement Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, Buller, Jacox, Myers and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

ZBA Replacement

Discussion on how this position should be filled since Autumn Smith has moved out of Emmett Township and resigned. It was decided to put an ad in the Shopper and take resumes or letters of written interest for thirty days.

Support for the Replacement of Planning Commission with Township Board of Trustees

There was much discussion on the issue of Emmett's Planning Commission being legal or not. According to Kim Tuck, nothing can be found showing that the

Planning Commission had ever been established. Tuck had told Hill that in the last few years the laws on the Planning Commission have changed. Since these changes have occurred the Township Board could take this position over if they wanted to dissolve the Township Planning Commission.

Dougherty stated that he believes we should do some more fact finding before anything is done.

Motion 13-2-6 by Buller/ Dougherty to table Planning Commission item until the next Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Talbot and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 13-2-7 by Myers/ Talbot to Adjourn

Roll Call Vote: Voice Vote **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township