

Charter Township of Emmett
Special Board Meeting June 21, 2013

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. on Friday June 21, 2013. The meeting was held at the Township Hall: 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI. 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Gunning, Buller, Jacox, Myers, Talbot, and Hill
Dougherty – Excused

QUORUM PRESENT

Motion 13-6-9 by Buller/ Jacox to amend agenda to add Public comments to be number 6 along with Trustee comments, also to move part-time Officers to a regular board meeting.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion on Building purchases it was decided that the purchase of the Gas Station was out so that brought up the second building which was the Wattles Park Grocery. The issue of buying the Wattles Park Grocery brought up lots of discussion as to where would the money come from, how much for clean-up and restoration, who was going to take care of the property such as mowing and maintenance. Lots and lots of discussion on the issue of purchasing the building.

Motion 13-6-10 by Buller/ Gunning to allow the Supervisor to pursue purchase of Wattles Park Grocery with the understanding that if not in the best interest of the Township he not purchase it.

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

**2 NO
4 YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion on the Chamber of Commerce, it was discussed to meet with Battle Creek Chamber for a seat on the Board or having our own Chamber of Commerce.

Zoning and Planning Administrator

Discussion on who would replace Mike Buckley and his recommendation for the position which was Kim Tuck who said he would be willing to help out on a part-time basis. Discussion on what Tuck would expect for pay Buller stated that he would guess somewhere between \$20-\$25 an hour. Also discussion on the Water and Sewer System who would be in charge of it and it was commented that the Supervisor would be in charge of the Water and Sewer System. Myers and Talbot both recommended Paul Anderson for the position as he had done the Schooling and some other training on the Zoning and Planning. All other Board Members had someone else in mind already and didn't agree on Paul Anderson for the position. Buller indicated that Mr. Tuck would be part-time and that he recommended Brandi Case for the position in training under Mr. Tuck. Jacox asked Brandi Case how she felt about the position if she felt she could handle it. Hill also asked her some questions. Brandi Case answered that she thought she could handle the position and still do some of her other duties.

There were some questions about Code Compliance which Hill thought that Code Compliance should be under the Police in his opinion. Chief Olson explained that in his opinion it would not be in the best interest of the Township. Talbot stated that she thinks Mr. Anderson has changed a lot in the past few years. Supervisor stated that Mr. Anderson should be under his department.

Motion 13-6-11 by Jacox/ Gunning to have Kim Tuck as Zoning/Planning Administrator and Brandie Case as Mr. Tucks Assistant in training.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Discuss \$1.00 pay raise.

Myers commented that she didn't think this was the time to do this as the Public Safety Officers had just agreed not to take a raise as they knew there was no money at this time. Also stated to the fact that not everyone had been figured in for the raise and we would need to see where the money was coming from especially after hiring Mr. Tuck part-time. There was much discussion on this subject and it was asked that we have Trish put together the cost to give everyone here a .50 or a \$1.00 an hour pay raise and remember that this would also have to include King on the raises. It was suggested that Firefighters raises go a long with the Police. Lastly it was discussed to revue employees for pay raises on a regular basis.

Motion 13-6-12 by Myers/Jacox to table the raises until more information becomes available from Trish.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment and Trustee's

There was a lot of discussion on Code Compliance and Zoning ordinances between three residents and the Trustee's.

Adjournment

Motion 13-6-13 by Gunning/ Hill to adjourn

Voice Vote: Yes by All

MOTION CARRIED

Tim Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township