

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday April 12, 2012. 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

Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, and Dougherty

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 12-4-4 by King /Henrich to approve the Agenda with changes made by moving presentations right after monthly check register first was Gary Nurmikko with Time Management, second was Bill Garner with BS&A software.

Roll Call Vote: King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, and Dougherty All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-4-5 by Dougherty/Henrich to Approve Consent Agenda without discussion

Roll Call Vote: Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, King, and Dougherty All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of March 31, 2012

General Fund	\$ 754,138.11
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$1,641,579.37
Sanitation Fund	\$ 122,182.69
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 298,472.78
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,597.39
Public Safety Fund	\$ 35,267.81
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 277,385.66

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Comcast – Effective March 23, 2012 Disney Junior will be added to Digital Preferred on channel 151.

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission Meeting April 18, 2012

Z.B.A. Meeting – None

Next Township Board Meeting – May 10, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-4-6 by O'Connor/ Dougherty to approve the monthly check register as printed.

With a question from O'Connor on page 5 on Continental Linen Service on what this was?

Talbot answered that it was our rugs throughout the building.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, Maichele, King, and Dougherty ALL Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation was made by Gary Nurmikko on Time Management. Where there was a lot of conversation on the different pros & cons of having Time Management at the township. Myers asked about cost comparison on the two different types of time management? Gary Nurmikko commented that he could have a new proposal by tomorrow on the differences. Board thanked him for coming.

Presentation about BS&A Software from Bill Garner Demonstrated the pro's and con's about everyone being on the same system. This was a very informative presentation. There were a lot of questions asked by board members all answered in detail by Bill Garner. Board thanked him for coming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Camp Seifke Addressed Board and residents alike: Feel free to e-mail or find her on Facebook at Julie Camp Calhoun County Commissioner. Tuesday night the Board of Commissioner's met & named the Road Commission Task Force. The Task Force consists of members Steve Frisbee, Blaine VanSickle, Art Kale, and Representative of Community & Township Supervisor. April 19th at 5:30p.m. 3rd floor County Bldg. will be a meeting concerning the trail way thru the Ott Preserve and easements. The regular Road Commission meeting will be at 7:00p.m. April 19th 2012. May 17th Road name change Ordinance? This was explained by Julie Camp Seifke about the confusion of road names sounding the same there will be some changes and this will be voted on May 17th 2012. Question from O'Connor does the County have a code enforcement officer? No from Camp-Seifke.

Public Comment from a resident regarding problems with burning in his neighborhood specifically his neighbors who burn everything including garbage (which is illegal). (He would like the board to ban burning). There was a lot of discussion on this issue with public, the Board and Chief Olson. Olson informed all that they need to call 911 every time that this happens to have an officer sent out. Also discussion on ticketing the burners every time the call went out due to nuisance might help detour the illegal burning. There was discussion on the time that this was happening at 10:30 – 11:00 p.m. at night and having the code enforcement officer work some evenings.

Another resident's comment was that "a ban on all burning would punish everyone in the township. Some people are dumb and don't follow the rules, but there are good citizens out there, who follow the current burning rules".

Department Verbal Reports

Supervisor – We just finished refinancing a Sewer Bond with a lower interest rate to save money. We had a lot of help from the County. The refinance was completed a couple of weeks ago. Last week there was a meeting with Enbridge, County, Road Commission and Supervisors on the Parks and when they would open. We just received a proposal from Jeff from Access vision just before the board meeting for \$250.00 for a P.A. System. Dougherty explained that Jeff would install the P.A. System himself, and that there were no hidden costs. Dougherty made comment of the Police Officers Contract and what the Officers passed on due to financial constraints of the township. The Officers hope to gain the trust & appreciation of the Township Board as a result of this concession. Tom Dederin had commented on not seeing anything like this done in the last twenty five years. The officers basically donated the money back to the Township and Dougherty commented on how much he appreciated this gesture & publically thanked them for their class and integrity. Next was a letter received from the Holiday Inn for thanks for all the service Public Safety has provided them.

Clerk – It's been really busy getting ready for a Presidential Election Year and all the upcoming training for it. There will be training on April 19th at 6 p.m. here at the township. Also a dual session training April 23, at the County Building one will be at 9 a.m. the second at 3 p.m. You will need to sign up for these meetings.

Clerk Myers also read a proclamation as stated in Resolution T12-03 is Alcohol Awareness Month. Dawn Smith brought the proclamation to Myers but could not attend the meeting.

Motion 12 -4 -7 by O'Connor/Talbot to accept Resolution T12 – 03 Proclamation – as Alcohol Awareness Month.

Roll Call: O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers & Dougherty

All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer – We had our settlement with the County now were waiting for the County to settle delinquent taxes. Also we are currently fighting with City to get a payment for water and sewer. Also, Triangle Trailer Park has not made any more payments. There was a comment from the board to not even accept a check from them, and take them to small claims court.

Planning and Zoning – Mike Buckley & Pat Dougherty were called to meet the County Resource Director to discuss the drainage issue on 11 mile and east Michigan – they met at M-Dot in Marshall. There was a lot of discussion about the drainage issue and how to fix it.

O'Connor presented the issue of Randy Silvis. He explained the procedure that Randy Silvis goes through every year to open his business. This year Randy Silvis went to the Planning Commission to have them consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit as allowed in the Charter Township of Emmett Zoning Ordinance, Article 12, Conditional Uses, and Article 21, Section 21.03 (k) " Open Air Display Area for Sale".

Motion 12-4-8 by King/ Maichele to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to issue Randy Silvis a Conditional Use Permit as recommended.

Roll Call: Talbot, Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor and Dougherty

All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Assessing –

Mike Leslie stated that they had another busy month taking care of Board of Review paperwork. He just rolled over the data base and starting the new values for the year. Property Appraiser Shirley Hughes is busy getting ready for this year's reappraisal. Question from Derek King on Tax Tribunal? Answered by Mike Leslie.

Public Comment

A question about having the Assessor going inside your house and do you have to let them in? Leslie responded by saying no you don't have to let them in, it's just that it lets them get a better idea instead of guessing.

A question about Ice Cream Trucks that go around neighborhood's needing to have a Emmett Peddler's Permit. Same person also stated that they did have a permit inside the truck from the State. There were comment's from the Board that they also needed an Emmett Township Peddler's Permit.

Public Safety –

Chief Olson another busy month especially as it gets warmer. Complaints went up by 150 this month. Still seeing a significant amount of theft in air conditioners and copper. This is why it would be nice to get neighborhood watches going. I have been working a lot with Richie, Trish, Mike, Teresa and Paul on ordinances and getting them codified. This has been a process and takes quite a bit of time. Stated that the whole committee is doing a good job but that we're still a long way out. Chief mentioned about the arbitration and how proud of that group he is; that the guys and gals realized that this was not the right time and that he really enjoys working with them. Then on another note Paco the Township K-9 Dog in which Deb Novar is Paco's handler has just recently found out that he has cancer. This is a tough time for Deb and the department, Paco did a great job. Discussion on the upcoming work on 11 Mile Rd. & I94 West bound that M Dot will be doing and the inconvenience of it being down to one lane. Next year will be the big project on the Raymond Road Bridge. Chief stated a lot of stuff coming up in late summer with National Night Out then followed by Fire Prevention. Also talk about the Fire in Marshall and us sending help over there, they really appreciated it. Lastly the Chief just wanted to address the burning garbage; if that's what they're doing please call 911. Question from O'Connor on what kind of response (nuisance) this would be and if we couldn't charge for this. The answer was he thought so. Discussion on the Cost Recovery Ordinance and the fact that this is not new it's just being updated.

Resolutions and Proclamations

Clerk Myers stated that we have already finished the resolution and proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month. T12 – 03.

Motion 12 -4- 9 by O'Connor/ King to accept the Randy Silvis Resolution T12 -04

Roll Call: Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, and Dougherty All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 12 -4- 10 by King/ O'Connor to accept the Resolution T12 – 05 for the Fund Balance Classification Policies & Procedures for the GASB 54

Motion 12 – 4- 11 by O'Connor/ King to accept the Resolution T12 – 06 requesting No Commercial Trucks over 10,000 pounds on D Drive North between Beadle Lake Road and 6 ½ Mile Road

First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Emmett Charter Township Code of Ordinances Regarding Cost Recovery for Emergency Services, Open for Public Hearing by Dougherty.
Question about paying for cost recovery if they call for police or fire? The answer was no; O'Connor explained several situations when you might have to pay.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Presentation from Time Management was moved up to be right after the Monthly Check Register

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from BS&A was moved up to be right after the Time Management system.
An Ordinance to Amend the Emmett Charter Township Code of Ordinances Regarding Cost Recovery for Emergency Services was open for public comment. There were questions and answers given at that time.

Public Comments

A public commented on the progress that Dougherty had done to the side and back of the building and stated how nice it would be for kids in the neighborhood to come to. Dougherty commented that he found out that it was called Barns Park a long time ago and if anybody new anything about it to contact him. Also wanted to let everyone know that there is no cost to the township for this work.

Question from Maichele did the Board vote on having that work done? No was the answer. Maichele said he thought we had to vote on anything that was done that concerned the township?

Reply was that there was no cost to the Township. Lots of discussion on this Dougherty commented that he would not do anymore and that he was trying to improve the Township. A trustee comment that making any improvement to the Township would need to be voted on as it was a Township asset. There was a lot of discussion on this subject between the board members. Also discussion on taking care of this area once it was cleaned up. Board member asked to see if the person doing the clean-up could be put under Kuhn's policy or our Policy as long as it was under \$200.00.

Motion 12 -4 -12 by O'Connor/ Henrich for Supervisor to check on having whomever was helping him out could be covered under Kuhn's or our insurance policy as long as it doesn't exceed \$200.00.

Roll Call: King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, and Dougherty All Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment on Police Officers that have consistently volunteered their time for the last 30 - 40 years or better.

One last comment about burn permits and not banning them for the entire Township just because a few people can't follow the rules. Please don't ban burning for all.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Maichele: would like to thank Police Officers for what they did and staying with us all the way.

King: Amazing sacrifice from the officers, he hopes that things are better in March so we can make it up to them.
Time Management issue can help us; it's a no brainer and has nothing to do with stealing time, it's for correcting errors with hand done payroll.

O'Connor- thanks the PSO's for what they did. O'Connor then brought discussion up regarding Code Compliance and the sign Ordinance. Huge discussion on Time Management issue and it's going to cost less than \$4,000.00 to put that unit in. Request that action be taken on what the previous Board had approved. No one has made a motion to rescind this.

Henrich- As ordinances go you can't make people do what you want and I support the Cost Recovery idea. As far as the Time Management and the BS&A the Township needs to move into the Twenty First Century. Talk on the cost for these systems, human error factor 1% or 2% of payroll, many more benefits eventually they will pay for it. It's time to implement this now.

Talbot- would like to thank the guys and gals for their concession also would like to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers for the loss of her sister-law, and also for the issues her family is going through now.

Myers – would also like to thank the guys and gals for their concession

Dougherty- Talk on the P.A. System Proposal that we received from Jeff at Access vision and questions on how this would be installed. King stated that he would run the wires in the wall.

Motion 12 – 4 -13 by Dougherty / King to accept the proposal for the P.A.System for \$250.00 installed by Jeffery Smith & Derek King will do the preparation work.

Roll Call: Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, King, and Dougherty All Yes
MOTION CARRIED

Dougherty – More discussion and explanations on the Time Management issue. I just want to see the township get the best possible deal. Dougherty felt that the presentation was not that compelling & he is not sure if this is the best deal but understands that some members of the board think that it is.

King commented that the reason for the Time Management was for the mistake factor from doing payroll and has nothing to do with stealing time.

O'Connor commented that we don't have the right to stop this process as it was already approved by the previous board. This is the third meeting that we have wasted time on this issue.

Motion 12 -4 -14 by Henrich/ King to rescind the vote from two years ago on the automated time system.

Roll Call: Maichele, O'Connor, King, Henrich, NO 4/3
Talbot, Myers, and Dougherty, YES **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 12 -4 -15 by O'Connor/Maichele to move ahead with Time Management with the purchase price not to exceed \$4,000.00 up front and the monthly fee of \$268.00. From capital outlay line.
Roll Call: O'Connor, Henrich, Maichele, YES King (qualified yes) great way to cut out mistakes with payroll. Also getting us with the times, and cut down on labor as well.

Talbot, Myers, and Dougherty, NO

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MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

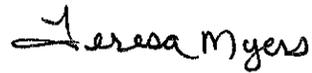
Motion to adjourn 12-4-16 by Henrich/ Dougherty

Voice Vote: All Yes

MOTION CARRIED



Patrick Dougherty, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township



Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township