

Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 14, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday June 14, 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 12-6-1 by King/ Henrich to approve the Agenda with the following changes –adding Susan Baldwin, Richard Lindsey and Julie Camp-Seifke right after the Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 12-6-2 by Talbot / O'Connor to approve Consent Agenda without discussion

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

***Treasurer's Report:***

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

General Fund	\$ 553,800.94
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$1,462,420.23
Sanitation Fund	\$ 255,665.50
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 294,794.93
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 85,320.24
Public Safety Fund	\$ 147,794.95
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 298,165.87

**The Monthly Departmental Report:**

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

***Communications:***

Comcast – Information that becomes effective July 1, 2012, Will charge \$1.99 per month for each new Digital Adapter Additional Outlet Service subscribed to on or after July 1, 2012.

Also effective August 7, 2012: CMT, channel 53 will no longer be available on Digital Preferred Tier.

Resolution 14, 16, 17 & 18 passed by Marshall Township Board 5-21-12

***Announcements:***

Township Planning Commission – June 20, 2012

Z.B.A. Meeting – Canceled

Next Township Board Meeting – July 12, 2012

#### INFORMATION ON THE 9-1-1 SURCHARGE

Susan Baldwin( Mayor of Battle Creek and is also on The Board of the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority): wanted to remind everyone of what the dispatch is; the first point of contact between the public and 911 emergency services. Baldwin further explained about the CCCDA.

Richard Lindsey explained that he is( appropriation counsel for the County and also contracted by the County to CCCDA for legal counsel): Lindsey explained about the surcharge and what will be on the ballot. Discussion on what the extra money would go for if the surcharge passed. Currently Emmett pays \$103,935 from the general fund to CCCDA if the proposal does not pass it would go up to \$197,423; this is based on the number of calls that Emmett generates.

Question from Henrich on campaigning and how this information was going to get out to the public? Mr. Lindsey explained the different ways that they were going to get the information to the public such as: being published in the paper, web sites, Facebook, etc.

Julie Camp-Seifke (County Commissioner) the Road Name Change Ordinance did pass; this will allow the Townships or County to change the names of roads that are duplicated. County is considering taking control of the improved property's along the river and is looking for feedback. Also an update on the OTT Biological Preserve. Camp explained that the bulk of the tree trunks at Kimble Pines Park that were harvested were almost enough to pay for the cleanup. Discussion on the Road Commission Task Force: meeting dates were June 22, July 10, August2, and Sept.6th 2012 these meetings would take place in the County Building. Lastly Camp-Sefike announced that she was running for re- election and would like everyone's support. Question from O'Connor on the funding for the Parks has this already been established? Camp-Seifke said that the frame work for this has already been established.

#### Public Hearings & Announcements:

Township Planning Commission – June 20, 2012

ZBA Meeting – Cancelled

Next Township Board Meeting – July 12, 2012

#### MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-6-3 by O' Connor / Henrich to approve the monthly check register as printed.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, Dougherty **ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment on Dispatch Authority and hopes that the Board would pass this Resolution.

Public comment from a resident on how everyone of the Board Members signed a paper to treat each other with respect and courtesy and at this time would like to remind them all of this.

Public comment requesting an explanation of Emmett's signs Ordinance. O'Connor explained the Sign Ordinance and answered his Questions. Dougherty explained that we have been going thru all of our Ordinances and are in the process of getting them updated.

David Gilbert- Republican running for Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney explained his background and all the committees he is on.

James L Jordon – Republican running for Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney explained his background. Told us that he has been an Attorney for 12 years, has over 20 years of Community Service and practices right here in the community on a full time basis.

## **DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor** – commented on all the different meetings he attended last month with different entities. He hopes for collaboration with all Townships. Mentioned how the Governor would like us all to cooperate. Would like to see us join back with AMSA.

**Clerk** – Please don't return you're Voter ID Cards they are yours to keep. They were sent out because of district changes. We have gotten a lot of these returned back to us as undeliverable from the Post Office when this happens we have to send out cancellation notices. Also our voter applications came in yesterday and will be going in the mail Friday and Monday. One last thing if you would like to vote in the August Election you will need to be registered by July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

**Treasurer** – summer tax bills will be out by July 1<sup>st</sup> and due by September 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. We do take partial payments any time after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Buckley explained the introduction of the Zoning Ordinance Text – Amendment – Paint Booths in Local Commercial Districts. Next month's meeting will be adopting the Ordinance.

### **Assessing** – Excused

**Public Safety** - Chief Olson stated that last month they had 697 complaints and 60 medical calls. With the warmer weather were seeing a lot more Motorcycles out riding without helmets. Knows that it's every individuals choice to wear a helmet or not but he hates to see it. We have had several bad accidents in the Township and would like everyone to look out for riders with caution and for Motorcycle Riders themselves to watch their speed. Also Burn Permits are available by telephone; call Public Safety (the main line) and the instructions are there. Also commented on the Open House that Public Safety had and what a great turn out it was. In August there will be a National Night Out; it's a nationwide crime partnering - more to follow watch for advertisements. Also stated that he will be attending Troy Estree's K-9 Graduation tomorrow. Commented on the codification moving forward and what a great job everyone has done. Question from Henrich on the new Fireworks Law? Olson answered that it used to be nothing could go up in the air and go bang and now they can and there's virtually nothing that we can do; M80's are still illegal. Our big concern is going to be the dry weather and fires. Noise will also be an issue. There was a lot of discussion on the new Fireworks Law.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

EMMETT CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION T 12-07

(A resolution requesting no Commercial Trucks over 10,000 Pounds on E Drive North between Beadle Lake Road and 6 1/2 Mile Road)

Motion 12-6-4 by O'Connor/ King to approve Resolution T12-07  
Roll Call Vote: Myers, Talbot, Henrich, O'Connor, King, Maichele, Dougherty

**ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T2012-08 ( see Trustee's Comments)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Buckley stated that the sewer pipes have been lined across East Michigan Ave. they also are coming back to line the manhole covers. Received an encouraging phone call from Taft at Duffy's and he had already noticed a little change in the odor. We know this is not a permanent fix and hope to have a permanent solution. As we receive information we will keep everyone informed.

Buckley also commented on the Courtyard of Marriott was in last week and will be finishing project as they were attaining there permits.

King commented on their permit for the site plan being more than a year ago and will they have to reapply. They will have to reapply. Also next week the Medical Building will be proceeding also. One other comment from O'Connor was explaining the fumes from the paint booths.

### **New Business**

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes - Board members a copy of what the City uses for seizer notices. Talked about Pennfield taking delinquents to small claims court. Looking for a direction from the Board in which way to go. Discussion with Board Members on how to proceed. Talbot said she was leaning more towards small claims. The Board said Talbot did not need their approval to proceed in whichever way she decided.

### **P.O.'s That Need Approval**

Replace pump and assembly on a fire truck for \$14,004.00 to Emergency Vehicle Products, also the annual preventative maintenance for \$3,937.79 to Emergency Vehicle Products.

Waiving of the \$30.00 temporary sign permit for non -profit: Soccer Club and The Leila Arboretum Garden Tour.

Motion 12-6-5 by King/ O'Connor to approve P.O.s and waive the permit fees for the temporary sign Permits.

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

**ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Public Comments**

A question about how all the voter ID cards that we received back would affect our Absent Voter Ballots?

Myers said they shouldn't affect them too much. Most of them are from Apartments and residents have moved in and moved out already to a new location.

Public commented on the signs at his business and the fact that he was told he had to remove them all by Mr. Anderson. He doesn't believe that Emmett wants to help small business. Dougherty commented that we want all business to proceed and that possibly we need to look at revising the Ordinance.

O'Connor commented on the fact that the Ordinance has been in effect for a long time, and also gave several examples on how we have tried to help people and their businesses, and said that we are not anti-business. There was a lot of discussion on the signage with everyone.

Steve Buller would just like to announce that he is running for Emmett Township Trustee and gave some background information on himself, and would like everyone's support.

Resident commented on the debris on 10 Mile Road asked what Emmett would do to clean it up? O'Connor replied by stating what was said by the Road Commission: that debris would be picked up if everything was by the road by July 1<sup>st</sup>; that didn't happen. Dougherty said that he was still trying to get brush picked up but doesn't know if that will happen or not

### **Trustee Comments**

Maichele – Question on the Parks from Enbridge and who was going to take care of them? Camp-Seifke said she doesn't know what decisions have been made or what Emmett Township Board and Trustees might be thinking. The County has asked if the County Commission would take on the Parks. O'Connor commented that he thinks that would be the best options to have one entity take care of them Camp-Seifke said she would take that option back to the committee. Maichele's last comment was what a great job Enbridge did on the Parks.

King – Talked about the Memorial Day Service at the National Cemetery and how great it was. Also commented on the opening of Bridge Park and how awesome it is; said his kids loved the playground. King also announced that he was running for district 5 County Commission and gave everyone his background and said that he thought he would be a great County Commissioner

Henrich – Would like to thank everyone that helped with the Open House he brought his son and his nephew and they got a great tour from Detective Keys. Hopes we have more and thank those for helped set it up.

O'Connor – Thanked the Mayor for her presentation. Followed up with: The Township was involved in litigation for quite some time and had resolved the litigation with the Dispatch. O'Connor stated that he completely supported the 911 surcharge. Talked about mills that are charged to several other Townships for the CCCDA and the fact that we asses less than the other Townships do, yet we have a fully staffed Department. If it had not been for Public Safety last May and the storm, no one would have been able to travel anyplace in the Township.

Dougherty – Commented on the fact that the Holiday Inn is coming up on its 5 year anniversary and the fact that it is one of the Top Holiday Inn's around. Also commented on Mr. Lindsey coming into the office and talking about the Parks and who would do what with them. Last comment was thanking everyone for all the hard work on the open house.

Talbot – Thanked everyone for the Open House also thanked Steve Buller for the hot water in the woman's bathroom now.

Myers – Nothing else at this time.

King – commented on the Board not having any discussion on the 911 surcharge as of yet but, in his opinion, thinks that we should look at that as a Board and try to come to a resolution to show the residents that we all support it. O'Connor commented that if he made a resolution he would support it. Dougherty asked that everyone support the 9-1-1 surcharge because it's very important.

King read the resolution provided by the C.C.C.D.A. There was discussion on the resolution dealing with the designation of the surplus money. It was decided that we should wait and see what happens after the election to determine this. King commented that we (residents) are either going to have to raise the special assessment tax to cover the additional fees. A lot more discussion on the 9-1-1 surcharge with Board Members.

Motion 12-6-6 by O'Connor / King to accept the Resolution T2012-08 as with Amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, Dougherty

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

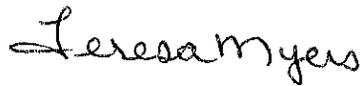
Motion 12-6-7 by Dougherty to Adjourn

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**



Pat Dougherty Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township



Teresa Myers Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township