

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday May 10, 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 12-5-1 by Dougherty/Talbot to approve the Agenda

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT FROM MTA

Supervisor Dougherty explained that while he was at a Supervisor's Training two weeks ago he learned a great deal about his job occupation and responsibilities. Dougherty talked about Robert's Rules of Order and explained his new procedure for running Township Board Meetings to keep order while maintaining respect one another other, Dougherty asked that the board members sign the Principles of Governance.

Motion 12-5-2 by King / Talbot for everyone to adopt the Principles of Government.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Dougherty made further discussion on the issue of Trustee Maichele's residency and all the calls he receives on a daily basis concerning said issue. This issue was discussed by all the board members. Maichele was asked upfront about his residency and in response he swore that he was in fact a resident of Emmett Township. Dougherty said then that the issue was dropped/ closed and would hope that everyone was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-5-3 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 April 30, 2012

General Fund	\$ 505,798.94
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$1,453,442.91
Sanitation Fund	\$ 246,479.35
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 294,794.89
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 85,317.87
Public Safety Fund	\$ 57,337.43

Public Safety Casino Fund \$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra \$ 272,359.38

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Comcast is notify of a change in their channel lineup. Customers will be also notified of this change via bill message.

Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Governing Board of Directors
Resolution: 2012-01 General Fund Contributions to CCCDA – Attached in Back

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission – May 16, 2012
Z.B.A. Meeting – May 22, 2012
Next Township Board Meeting – June 14, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-5-4 by O' Connor / Henrich to approve the monthly check register as printed.

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

With a question from O'Connor on the MMRMA check being paid from a sewer and water fund and that this needs to be moved to a different fund next quarter. Talbot explained why it was paid out of this line for now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment from a Resident on his displeasure & disapproval of the loudly disruptive illegal fireworks that frequently occur in his neighborhood. He would like to see the Township pass a Fireworks Ordinance banning loud disruptive fireworks except on National Holiday and the days surrounding according to the new Law.

Another public comment was made in the regards to Maichele's comment on his residency and thanked him for clearing it up. Also this same person wanted an update on the ordinance recodification. O'Connor answered by replying that this was being reviewed by all township officials and could take up to 3 / 6 months.

Public comment on the sewer issue on East Michigan Ave. Commenter requested an answer to when this would be resolved. This question was answered by - Board Member in regards to the fact that we have made progress on the issue & will continue to do so process just takes time.

Public comment on the time clock issue and inquired how this would work with Public Safety.

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor – Talked about his attendance at a Calhoun County Road Commission Meeting on several different issues. Also commented on the issues of: street lights, storm debris, and how to get money for our roads. Dougherty's last comment was about the amount of time that Mike Buckley and Supervisor Dougherty have put into the sewer issue.

Clerk – Keeping very busy getting ready for the election, training and taking in petitions.

Treasurer – Collected all the money from the City. Now were working on delinquent Business Personals. Update on Triangle Mobil Home Park has not received any more money since the last time.

Planning and Zoning

Buckley stated that the casino corridor area has been put on the back burner until the sewer issue is resolved. Dougherty and Buckley met with Mandoka from tribe on seeing if the revenue sharing will help with the sewer issue. There's a recommendation on what needs to be done but nothing official as of yet. Will have more info at the next board meeting. Buckley stated that he just finished his first draft of a Township Capital Improvements list, also said he didn't know if the Township had ever had one in the past. He would like to get other staff together to go over it and see if anything got missed. Buckley also gave an update on the lining of the sewer pipes on Michigan Avenue by commenting that they should be starting the work of lining the pipes the last week in May. Dougherty commented on the sewer system and the venting problem and how it would be taken care of one way was to place carbon filters in but they would have to be replaced and wasn't sure of the cost. There was also a public comment on this issue with O'Connor in which he answered that we've come a long way since the beginning of this issue.

Buckley also made comment of the status of the Township's Codification of the Ordinances.

Assessing – Excused

Public Safety - Chief Olson stated they had another busy month. They continue to run on a number of medical calls as well as a significant number of other issues being currently worked on. Olson also commented on Pako stating that Pako had passed away today. He stated what a great job the K9 had done and how much Pako would be missed. Olson stated that the training with Officer Estree and the new K9 would start on Monday and continue for 5 weeks. Olson also commented on a fire that was right down the road from the Township on Wednesday. The Fire had fully engulfed the structure when they arrived and that our guys did a great job suppressing the fire; we had mutual aid from Newton & Pennfield also. Olson talked about Alarm User Permits and thinks that this needs to be looked at differently. Olson also talked about the 911 surcharge that would be coming up for a vote in the very near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on the BS&A Software and moving forward. There was a lot of discussion. It was decided that we would table and get several more bids for the similar software system for comparison.

Olson gave an update on our Contract with the Tribe and moving forward and that within the next couple of weeks thinks that this will be consummated.

Motion 12-5-5 by O'Connor /Talbot to adopt the Emmett Charter Township Ordinance Number 2012-01 Cost Recovery.

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

Update on the PA System was given by Myers: she had received a call from Jeff and said that he had been swamped and would get back with us as soon as he could.

Update on clearing the side lot, Dougherty responded no update.

Replacement to fill vacant seat on the Planning & Zoning Board. Dougherty recommended Jim Mead there was discussion on this with several board members.

Motion 12-5-6 by Talbot/ Myers to appoint Jim Mead to the Planning & Zoning Board

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Henrich, Myers, Dougherty **4 YES, 3 NO**
MOTION CARRIED

King Qualified No possible conflict if he is elected to the Board. Thinks he would do a great job.

Maichele, Thinks that Mead is a good guy and has done a lot for the Township, but feels that the board should have known about all the applicants.

O'Connor, not trying to drag this out, the point is that we have always been given the opportunity to go over all applications

Motion 12-5-7 by O'Connor / King to move ahead with Plante Moran for Audit

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

New Business

Exit Signs with lights needs to be installed in the board room as well as handicap parking signs in the parking lot. Board requested monetary figures to be researched and represented at the next meeting.

Motion 12-5-8 by O'Connor/ King to approve fee schedule for Freedom of Information Act Copies.

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

Motion 12-5-9 by O'Connor/ Henrich to approve the Clerk as the FOIA coordinator for the administrative side and the Director as the FOIA administrator for Public Safety Side.

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

PO's that need board approval read by Dougherty and all are done as one motion.

Postage for ID cards 8685 \$2,431.80 to Media Services

Mobile phone examiner plus cables upgrade \$300.00

Mobile phone examiner (MPE+) Program \$840.00 total \$1,144.95 to Access Data Group LLC

Invoice 1120642 – Repair to plumbing issue in new building in hallway \$3,584.21

Waiving the \$30.00 permit fee for the Leila Arboretum Society Plant Sale – non profit

Motion 12-5-10 by King /Henrich to approve the PO's as presented.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment from a resident on how much better the board acted tonight except for the last half hour. Commented that everyone needs to be treated with respect. Same resident had a question on money to pay for roads? O'Connor explained one option.

Another resident had a comment on the noise on Strongwood and it being very disturbing. Public comment on the time clock issue.

Another comment from the public on encouraging open bids for accounting, tax, assessing software.

Also commented about how Jim Mead was appointed to Planning Commission.

A public comment from Clarke Lawson of our own on having thirty years and running for Township Supervisor.

Trustee Comments

Maichele – Commented on business personal tax & that Michigan is one of the worst states for small business owners. It's hard to survive and didn't know if there was a way to get any help. Talbot explained that you can make partial payments at any time. Maichele would also like to see numbers on the phone tax and that numbers mean a lot. Talked about the cleanup of the side lot and being covered by Insurance. Maichele's only concern was to make sure that the Township was covered from a law suit. Thanked the people that voted for him and talked about honesty and integrity.

King – All seven of us here have a judicial responsibility to the Township there are some popular decisions to be made and some unpopular ones. One was the time clock that was voted on prior to our tenor here and one that should be respected. King stated that he had watched the last meeting at least 50 times, and takes responsibility for his words. They didn't come out like he meant for them to and would like to apologize. Also Another issue with the money for the surcharge tax issue we should use this money to lower the Public Safety Special Assessment. King stated that the time to talk during Board meetings should be fair for everyone.

O'Connor – First thanked Clarke Lawson for his thirty years of service. Another Public Safety note is my condolences to Officer Novar on the loss of Pako. O'Connor talked about the 911 surcharge for every phone that you have which would be around \$2.70 monthly per phone that we get from the money this should go to reduce the Public Safety Special Assessment. Also stated that we have dozens of employees that have not had a raise here in the Township for years, and hopes to see one in the future. Also would like to mention the 206 Public Safety Millage that will be coming up in the near future, and would hope to see the support for the Public Safety. O'Connor stated that the Supervisor did his homework and was glad to see that he did, O'Connor explained the township trustees job and responsibilities.

Henrich – on issues with the time clock and the fact that its more than just a time keeping piece. The system will interface with any system weather its BS&A or Pontem. The number of hours this would save and talk about moving into the twenty first century and that this was decided on several years ago. Looking forward to seeing the time clock implemented.

Talbot – Thanked everyone on behalf of herself and her family for their cards and thoughts in the loss of her Father.

Myers – Nothing at this time.

Dougherty – Dougherty introduced that his wife was here at tonight’s meeting and that she had a comment to make; she asked why the time clock was not implemented when it was originally voted on. Henrich answered her question and told her they were waiting until they moved over to this building so they wouldn’t have to move it again. Dougherty followed up by saying that he agrees that more information is a good thing and appreciated the information Henrich had given us on the time clock issue. Dougherty explained that there was an issue with keys to the building and what would need to be done in order to give out keys to the trustee. Also commented on the upcoming Election and would hope that people vote accordingly. Dougherty also commented on working with O’Connor, Henrich, King, and Maichele.

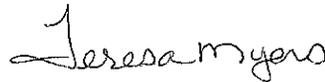
Motion to Adjourn

Motion 12-5-11 by Dougherty to adjourn

Voice Vote: **ALL YES MOTION CARRIED**



**Pat Dougherty – Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township**



**Teresa Myers - Clerk
Emmett Charter Township**