

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
June 11, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday June 11, 2015. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street Battle Creek, MI 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

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

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 15-06 - 03 by Buller/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers with the addition of the Wellhead Protection, Fireworks Fees for 2015, Lawn Mowing's and Farmers Market.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 15-06-04 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: May 31, 2015

General Fund	\$ 1,075,398.76
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 386,819.86
Sanitation Fund	\$ 355,439.83
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 21,311.49
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 42,184.64
Public Safety Fund	\$ 94,378.26
Public Safety Extra	\$ 743,181.52
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$ 30,162.66

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed if any.

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

Motion to acknowledge the enforcement of Article III, Noxious Weeds, and to authorize the Township Treasurer to place a tax lien against the following to include an additional \$25.00 for Administrative Fees.

Properties:	Owners	
15075 6 ½ Mile Rd.	Tamara Guthrie	\$132.00 + \$25.00 = \$157.00
14684 Petal Lane	Richard Des Voignes	\$110.00 + \$25.00 = \$135.00
52 W Alden	Michael P. Bundy	\$132.00 + \$25.00 = \$157.00
903 Michigan Ave.	IA Petroleum, LLC.	\$ 44.00 + \$25.00 = \$ 69.00
19 Mill Street	JPMC Specialty Mortgage LLC.	\$176.00 + \$25.00 = \$201.00

Motion 15-06-03 by Talbot / Dougherty to approve lawn mowing’s
Roll Call Vote: Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, and Hill
Jacox-Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – To be announced meeting times are @ 5:30 p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – To be Announced
- Next Township Board Meeting –July 9, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 15-06-05 by Talbot/Dougherty to accept the Check Register as printed.
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, Myers, and Hill
Jacox- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill commented that the Director of Access Vision dropped off a pamphlet of their Annual Report for all Board Members to have. Hill also commented on Access Vision changing from analog to digital; Myers also commented on how hard Jeff worked getting it all changed over.

Clerk

Myers commented on the fact that the Auditor's just finished up with the Township Audit today (6-11-15) Auditor Bryer stated that we should have a rough draft within a month.

Treasurer

Talbot commented that she ordered envelopes for the Township and for her tax bills she saved a lot of money by ordering from Grand Rapids. She has started working on Delinquent Personnel Property Taxes this week (6-8-15) by filling a couple in small claims court and will continue to do a couple each week.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon- AC Foundry located at 1176 N Raymond Road Site Plan Review for a 40 x 120 and a 40 x 130 canopy would like Board approval to move forward.

Motion 15-06-06 by Myers/ Buller for approval of the Site Plan Review for AC Foundry

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

Jacox- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Leslie – Very busy on land divisions and also very disappointed with our phone system as much as we lose service it's very unprofessional and thinks we need to do something different.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Public Safety Report then proceeded to give an update by saying they continue to stay busy even though numbers are down slightly. Olson also commented on the May 13,2015 Banquet Awards and the fact that Mark Beach received Officer of The Year Award, also commented that all continue to do an outstanding job. Olson also stated that the County is now able to receive a 911 text if you are unable to call, group message however will not work. Olson then commented on the phone system also and said the Lt. Geigle is very frustrated with our current service and has been working very hard to get the issue resolved. Lastly Olson talked about the tragedy that happen on Verona Road where one teenager passed away and another was in critical care and how hard this was on all involved and that the accident was still under investigation.

David Gilbert – Prosecutor

Prosecutor Gilbert introduced himself then stated that the Bad Check Program was back running again and forms are online. Gilbert also commented on how the Mobile Home Park issue was handled and said kudos for the way that it was handled by all involved.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

Saw Grant- Overview

Buller went over a little about the Saw Grant and said we could see if Jeff Wyngard could come next month.

PO's that Need Board Approval:

15-3029	\$700.00	CRT	205-326-731.00	Conference Phone Chief's Office	
15-3009	\$450.00	CRT	205-326-731.00	Replacement Phone For Report Room	
15-3040	\$688.90	Enterprise Envelope Inc.	15 # 10 Window Envelopes	101-253-732.00	\$482.40
15-3040		Enterprise Envelope Inc.	5 # 10 Regular Envelopes	101-261-732.00	\$147.00
15-3040		One Time Set Up Fee		101-253-732.00	\$39.50

Motion 15-06-07 by Dougherty / Buller to approve PO's # 15-3029, 15-3009, and 15-3040.

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

ALL YES

Jacox- Excused

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn mowing – Discussion on the purchase of a lawn mower for the Township and the possible cost savings it was decided to talk more about this at our July 6, 2015 Budget Workshop.

Wellhead Protection – Hill passed out information and a map from Christine Kosmoski about the Wellhead Protection and stated that Kosmoski would like Emmett Township to join. Hill said that this is information for the Board to look over before a decision was reached as several Board Members asked

what the cost would be Hill said he did not know and maybe we could have Kosmoski attend the next Board Meeting.

Fireworks Fee- This fee is for fireworks on any other day of a holiday then on the day before the day of or the day after and requires a thirty day notice and a Peddlers Permit Fee of \$100.00.

Motion 15-06-08 by Buller/ Talbot to approve the \$100.00 Peddlers Permit Fee for Fireworks.

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

Jacox- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Tax Foreclosure- Hill brought information to the Board on a Tax Foreclosure Building at 8710 Verona Road that he thought might make a good impound lot. This brought about much discussion as the Chief stated you would have to have someone there all the time and he would much rather have it here at the Township. Hill then stated that he just wanted to bring it to the Board to get their opinion.

Jeff Wyngard- Saw Grant Overview

Mr. Wyngard introduced himself to the Board Members and the Public and explained the Sanitary Sewer & Storm Water process and how the Saw Grant worked and what the process would be. He also explained that we just got started on a mass flow monitoring system and the equipment should be working as we speak. He explained the GIS Mapping and how it would show our entire system. There were a lot of Public questions on the Casino's part in all this with the food and grease being in the drains. Jeff said that they would be videotaping all the way to the Casino. Jeff also stated that when they were all done with the GPS unit it would be owned by the Township. The Grant is \$900,000.00 dollars in which all work is 90% covered by the Grant and the Township pays 10%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident with a complaint about a staff member being the Code Compliance Officer.

Resident with a question on the Farmers Market. Hill responded by saying he had trucks lined up and saw dust on the way and that it won't be much longer.

Resident with a question on a fire call that went to the County and no response from them for about 20 minutes.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Dougherty- Commented on Zahrion's Business and how it was coming Buller said that he should be getting back to it within the next couple of weeks. Dougherty also asked about Steve Buller going to a

Battle Creek City Board Meeting on the Zoning issue of an Adult Business in which the Board had decided that this Board should not get involved in Battle Creek City's Business.

Buller- Buller stated that he announced that he was an Emmett Township Trustee but that he was at this meeting as a concerned citizen about the Adult Business.

Gunning – Agreed with Dougherty on the stand the Township took on staying out of Battle Creek City's Business. Also appreciates residents that come forward about issues with Staff Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 15-06-09 by Hill at 6:55 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township