

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
May 14, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday May 14, 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, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Talbot, and Hill
Buller- Excused

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 15-05 - 01 by Jacox/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

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

Buller- Excused

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 15-05-02 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve Consent Agenda

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

Buller-Excused

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: April 30, 2015

General Fund	\$ 810,294.50
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 586,067.13
Sanitation Fund	\$ 350,441.59
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 25,687.59
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 42,289.67
Public Safety Fund	\$ 91,480.33
Public Safety Extra	\$ 480,851.77
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

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 –June 11, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 15-5-03 by Talbot/Dougherty to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill thanked Diane and Teresa for helping him come up with some fresh ideas

Clerk

Thanked all election help for the May 5th, 2015 election. Also made mention Trish and she found out that Emmett Township was selected for an audit of the May 5, 2015 election. Also Myers brought to discussion two Resolution's that were not on the agenda that need to be approved by the Board for the year end Budget 2014-15; the first being Resolution T15-06 for the Administration side. Second Resolution T15-07 for Public Safety side both will need action so that we can move forward with our Audit next month in June. Talbot explained that this was just moving the money around within the departments and that it was not any extra money.

Motion 15-5-04 by Gunning / Dougherty to approve Resolution T15-06 to amend the Administration side of the Budget.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 15-5-05 by Gunning /Talbot to approve Resolution T15-07 to amend the Public Safety Budget.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer

Talbot talked about the Public Safety Recognition and Awards Banquet and what a nice dinner and how every Officer receiving awards was well deserved and especially Officer Mark Beach for Officer of the Year. Also Jim Mead did a nice job with the slide presentation. Talbot went onto her report by stating that Attorney Lohrstorfer's office had been helping her with delinquent personnel's and she had just sent out a letter of demand and if we do not receive a response by the end of the month we will be taking them to court. Then it will be time to start collecting Summer Taxes again.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon- nothing at this time.

Gunning on drop box information that the Board had received a month or so ago he would like to move ahead and have the papers sent to the attorney to look at so that the Board could move ahead with getting rid of some of the drop boxes. The Board members did agree to this so they could move forward.

Jim Mead with a review from Access Vision

Jim Mead went over the highlights of meetings he has attended at Access Vision since the Board appointed him a representative on their Board:

First was the Volunteer Recognition Awards night where 13 awards were handed out to 43 very deserving individuals for their number of hours of production work and commitment to the community. Next was the approval of the 2015-16 Budget for the new fiscal year. Set Facility Goals for the coming year and became an accredited charity by the Better Business Bureau. Authorizing the Executive Director to purchase two new portable studios and 8 cameras. The current portable studios will be repurposed at Springfield and Emmett Township to cover government meetings, replacing 20-year old analog equipment. During the Annual Meeting in April, the new slate of officers were approved as President – Sheri Sherban, Vice President – Russ Adkins, Treasurer – Jeff Domenico and Secretary – Carey Whitfield. The staff at Access Vision will be working over the next several months to put in place the needed equipment to simultaneously “stream” channels 16 & 17 on their website, for those who don't have cable to enjoy the community programming. Their hope is to have this in place by the end of August. Comcast announced that they were dropping their deal to purchase Time Warner Cable, which automatically dissolves their plans to merge their Mid-West operations with Charter Communications.

Assessing

Leslie – Nothing at this time

Myers- Commented on the Awards Banquet and the awards that were received and the fact that two more individuals should also be recognized for the help they provide to the Administrative side and they

are Tony Geigle who is our IT person and Richie Cunningham both whom are there to help us out at the drop of a hat we would like them to know how much we all appreciate their help.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Public Safety Report then proceeded to give an update by saying they continue to stay busy and that the retail fraud has been downright crazy. Olson stated that the report pretty much speaks for itself. Olson also commented on the transition to the new Records Management System that took place on April 28, 2015. Olson also commented on the National Peace Officer Week always being the week of May 15th throughout the country and explained when it started back in 1964 when John F Kennedy was President. Olson also commented on the fact that we truly have officers that are deserving of the recognition and the awards. Olson stated the awards that were handed out were 3 Life Saving Awards, 6 Professional excellence Awards, along with letters of accommodation. Officer Mark Beach received Officer of the Year Award. Olson stated that this Saturday May 16, 2015 Public Safety would have a Fire Truck and Public Safety car at Walmart for Miracle Network. Also Saturday May 28, 2015 there will be a training event and a house on Division Drive will be used for this training. Lastly Olson stated that he would be speaking at a Community Event for Law Enforcement on Saturday the 28th, 2015.

Dougherty- Asked about the Pan Handlers approaching cars and wanted to know if the Chief had any other complaints. Chief explained that the center isle at the light in front of Walmart is a road right of way and as long as they stay there they are fine.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

Saw Grant- Overview

Jeff Wingard from Flies and Vanderbrink had a family issue and would not be able to attend the Board Meeting on May 14, 2015 to explain the Saw Grant to the Board.

Sewer Project for the Wattles Park Area was talked about by several Board Members who stated that there was a lot more research that needed to take place.

Roads- Dougherty and Gunning and the rest of the Board thought that it might be better to wait and see if the State comes up with another plan for the roads. This brought up lots of conversation with all Board Members.

Four Day Work Week- with trial period with days being 7:00am-4:30pm with 45 minute lunch and Fridays Off this is to try and save the Township money. By saving the Township Energy cost and Employees save money on commuting to and from work. People have more time to spend with their

families. Studies show that employees with a four day workweek are more productive and happier overall. There was much discussion with this with Board Members and the public.

Motion 15-5-06 by Dougherty / Gunning to approve a trial period for the four day work week for 2 months and the n revisit to see how it is working out.

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

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Lawn Maintenance- Administration Building and D drive should not come out of Cemetery Maintenance it should come out of Building Maintenance.

Motion 15-5-07 by Dougherty / Talbot to remove lawn mowing of Administration Offices and D Drive from Cemetery Maintenance should come from Building Maintenance.

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

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

PO's that Need Board Approval:

NEW BUSINESS

Calhoun County Public Health Department vs. Battle Creek Realty LP dba Baker Mobile Home Park, 1030 E. Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49017; Calhoun County; License No. 1200146.

Jacox explained that the State condemned three mobile homes and would not be reissuing a license until the issue is taken care of.

Zoning Board of Appeals Special Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. room 301, City Hall
Petition Mr. James Maceroni, 8690 E Shore Drive, Portage, MI 49002. Request for a dimensional variance from Ch. 1295.03 (b) to allow an adult business to operate at 1745 Columbia Avenue closer than 300 feet from residential district and closer than 1,000 feet from a public park as required by this ordinance. The property is split zone C-3 Commercial and R1-B Single Family Residential, legally described as:

It was decided by the Board that we should not get involved in the City's Business issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Gunning- Nothing at this time.

Dougherty- Commented that the community lost a great person Dale Owen who was one of the founders of the Wattles Park Men’s Club and a member of the Township at one time. Lastly on the Jim Hazel Park this probably would not have been possible if not for a member of our Board Jesse Jacox who spent a lot of time working with Enbridge and making this available and would like to thank Jesse Jacox for all his hard work.

Jacox - Honor and pleasurer to be on this Board and he believes that Enbridge as a whole has made a sincere apology. Jacox stated that life is good and we all live a good life here and is very proud to sit on this Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 15-5-08 by Hill at 6:15p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township