

**Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 12, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 12, 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, Buller, Talbot, and Hill

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion 15-11-04 by Talbot/ Jacox to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 15-11-05 by Jacox/ Gunning to approve the Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

***Treasurer's Report:***

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

General Fund	\$	841,672.24
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$	401,931.45
Sanitation Fund	\$	271,759.28
Project V Sewer Fund	\$	2.11
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$	38,802.23
Public Safety Fund	\$	(23,774.26)
Public Safety Extra	\$	413,597.03
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$	25,921.24

***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:	
52 W.Alden	Michael Bundy	\$33.00 + \$25.00 = \$58.00
131 Walters Avenue	Charles Campbell	\$33.00 + \$25.00 = \$58.00
924 N. Raymond Road	Leonard & Hellen Cousino	\$66.00 + \$25.00 = \$91.00
9170 Verona Road	Sarah M. Pethers	\$66.00 + \$25.00 = \$91.00
9861 Verona Road	Jimmie E. Hantz	\$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$69.00

Motion 15-11-06 by Buller / Gunning to approve payments for lawnmowings.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

COMCAST – see attached

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 15-11-07 by Talbot/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**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 –December 10, 2015

**DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor**

Hill commented that the Farmer’s Market is down for the season. Hill also commented on Phase 1A of the sewer realignment stating there is a pump in place and a dioxide machine to help get rid of the smell. Next step will be Phase 1B after the Revenue Sharing Board meet and they decide.

## **Clerk**

Myers –starting to get ready for the March Election.

## **Treasurer**

Talbot – busy putting in special assessments so she can get tax bills printed. Also made note that the two biggest offenders of Personal Property Taxes being delinquent have started making monthly payments.

## **Planning and Zoning Business**

Deshon- Victory Life Church located at 6892 D Drive North is seeking site plan approval for the addition that they are planning. The addition is 31,100 sq.ft. includes adding an enlarging parking area, and a walking path around their property. The Planning Commission approved the site plan pending a soil erosion test and retaining wall and is asking for Board approval.

Motion 15-11-08 by Jacox/ Dougherty to approve the Victory Life Church addition enlarging the parking lot and a walking path around their perimeter.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Kim Tuck stated that a Board Member requested Water and Sewer Fees Study as to how reasonable Emmett Townships are compared to other communities. Mr. Tuck stated that in doing a comparison with surrounding areas that Emmett Townships were on the lower portion of the scale.

## **Assessing**

Leslie – Commented that he has been working on building permits inspections for assessing purposes also sales studies and helping the Treasurer with Taxes.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief Olson – The month of October was rather routine. A lot of time was spent training with the new fire truck. Chief explained that towards the beginning of the month there was a fatal traffic accident on Verona Road that is being investigated by the Prosecutor's Office at this time. Chief commented on the fact that the Public Safety Department assisted the City Sunday morning in the attempted robbery and shooting just down the road from the Township. Chief Olsen introduced our newest part-time officer Kellie Hungerford to the Board. Dougherty commented that he was glad to see that arrests are almost half of what they were before and also glad to see citations are also going down. Resident commented

on the fact that Olson was seen wearing a pair of pink high heels. Olson explained that he is on the Executive Board at Safe Place and they had sponsored a walk a mile in my shoes and he nicely agreed to wear the pink high heels for a good cause.

Motion 10-15-09 by Jacox / Gunning to move forward with the engineering study for furnaces for the Public Safety side.

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

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

## **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

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NONE

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Road discussion on millage verses assessment tabled until another time.

Chief on when we could start on the Strategic Planning. Talbot stated that would be best to wait until after the first of the year with taxes getting ready to send out this is a very busy time for her.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board member Gunning with a question on a resident being pulled over by a Grand Trunk Officer in our jurisdiction. Olson explained that they can pull you over and that they have jurisdiction all over.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis McKey from Consumers Energy talked about how they are installing new updated electric meters around the state. He also explained that the new meters will send text type numbers and they will be able to give actual reads to customers instead of estimates. Customers can go online to check energy use. He also explained that Emmett Township area will be done in later spring.

Resident on when the Golden Avenue paving project would be finished.

Resident on a neighbor moving a shed and also a question on fencing there was much discussion with the Board and the Resident was asked to make an appointment with Mr. Buller and the Zoning department.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Gunning- None at this time

Buller- None at this time

Dougherty- talked about violating the Local Contractors Agreement and read the agreement aloud and asked that when at all possible please use local contractors.

Jacox- Reminded all that Sunday is opening day of deer season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 15-11-10 by Hill at 6:17 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township