

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
August 11, 2016**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 11, 2016. 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 16-08-02 by Jacox/Dougherty to approve the August 11, 2016 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 16-08-03 by Jacox/ Dougherty 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: July 31, 2016

General Fund	\$	1,419,733.21
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$	220,122.26
Sanitation Fund	\$	295,919.21
Project V Sewer Fund	\$	(6,897.83)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$	40,043.23
Public Safety Fund	\$	36,118.92
Public Safety Extra	\$	528,807.89
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$	17,354.78

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 Administrative Fee:

PROPERTIES: OWNERS COST

NONE

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 –September 8, 2016 @ 5:30p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 16-08-04 by Talbot/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill stated that having the early Special Meeting at 3:30 August 11, 2016 helped get a lot resolved. Hill commented about dealing with Battle Creek City on the Sewer and Water Contract. Also talked about Phase 2 of the Sewer line and there being a realignment tank installed and lift station at Eleven Mile Road and East Michigan finished. Hill also stated that if any one by Duffy’s Party Store notices a smell please let us know so we can get it taken care of.

Clerk

Myers – Commented that the Election for August 2, 2016 is over and thanked all her help and explained the one incident of someone not wanting to vote after they got their Ballot. Myers also commented on getting ready for the upcoming election in November.

Treasurer

Talbot –Commented that despite Hill’s interest in getting his son in Office; Talbot got the votes and was reelected and would like to thank all that voted for her. Also stated that were still collecting taxes.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon – Commented that they have been working hard on the Master Plan for the Township in which she went over with Board and Public and asked that the Board give her permission to move forward.

Motion 16-08-05 by Jacox/ Gunning to move forward with the Master Plan for the Township.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Leslie – Asked that the Board approve his 1099 Independent Contract effective December 1st 2017. Buller asked Leslie to give a brief explanation; Leslie explained that he would like to retire at the end of November 2017 and come back to the Township as an Independent Contractor. Leslie also explained that he did go over the contract with Deputy Clerk Stone and that he did make the appropriate changes to his contract and that it is an at- will 1099 Independent Contractor Contract with no benefits.

Motion 16-08-06 by Dougherty / Gunning to except Leslie's at-will 1099 Independent Contractors Contract effective December 1, 2017.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Both wanted a brief overview of the savings to the Township by Leslie

Road Department Christopher Bolt

There was much discussion on the Road Millage being put back on the ballot in November with Board Members, Public and Mr. Bolt. Since the Voter turnout was so low the Board thought it best to bring it back and try one last time.

Motion 16-08-07 by Gunning/ Buller to put back on the ballot for the November Election with the idea that everyone on Division Drive, Single Tree Lane, and the Woodland Beach Paving Project areas would get their money back for having their roads paved prior, we would use the same language as we did for the August 2, 2016 Election.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson –Stated that it’s been really busy this month due to the warm weather. Thanked Jesse Jacox for all his help through Enbridge with Public Safety being able to get a grant for a rescue boat which we will be receiving Monday August 22, 2016. One last thing Olson stated was regarding Anderson’s reassignment back to the Administration Side he suggested that the Board make Brandi Deshon the Noxious Weed Commissioner.

Motion 16-08-08 by Myers/ Talbot to make Brandi Deshon the Noxious Weed Commissioner.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Rescinding of Resolution T16-10 with the exception of Vacant Parcel 10-13-021-006-00 in Industrial Park 21 acres’ east end to stay valid within this resolution T16-10 until new resolution T16-17 after Board Meeting on August 11, 2016.

Resolution T16-14 (a Resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to join with the other Out-City Users, if necessary, in seeking judicial protection to ensure the ongoing provision of wastewater treatment services, including necessary maintenance services on all sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations located within the governmental jurisdiction of each Out-City User).

PO’s -

None

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

Personnel Policy

There was some discussion on this with several Board Members and wanting to go over the whole Personnel Policy with just the Board Members sometime before the next Board Meeting and then put this back on again at the next Board Meeting in September.

Approve Supervisor to rescind the resolution for properties and create a resolution for 21 acres for Industrial Park.

Motion 16-08-09 by Buller / Gunning to rescind resolution T16-10 that was to purchase property’s from the land bank parcel numbers to rescind are: Vacant land on Lady Jessica 13-10-756-018-00 and also 994 East Michigan 13-10-009-002-00 also 166 Westbrook 13-10-180-02 Vass 13-10-138-01/ with vacant 13-

10-180-139-00 and Cohasset 13-10-330-122-00 in Emmett Charter Township, with the exception of Vacant Parcel 10-13-021-006-00 in Industrial Park 21 acres' east end to stay valid within this Resolution T 16-10 until new resolution T16-17 after Board Meeting on August 11, 2016.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution T16-14

Resolution T16-14 (a Resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to join with the other Out-City Users, if necessary, in seeking judicial protection to ensure the ongoing provision of wastewater treatment services, including necessary maintenance services on all sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations located within the governmental jurisdiction of each Out-City User).

Motion 16-08-10 by Buller/ Jacox to move forward with Resolution T16-14 a Resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to join with the other Out-City Users.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Forensic Audit Approval for Wastewater information on Battle Creek City

The Board would like to move forward with a Forensic Audit for wastewater in Battle Creek City.

Motion 16-08-11 by Buller / Jacox authorizing the Township to move forward with the Forensic Audit.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Newbre Cemetery

Dynamix Complete Property Maintenance – Clean up on south east side of Newbre Cemetery with a cost of \$850.00.

Motion 16-08-12 by Dougherty / Talbot to approve the clean up on the south east corner of the Newbre Cemetery by Dynamix Complete Property Maintenance for a cost of \$850.00.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Adobe PDF – Board agreed to table this until further information was available.

Delray's Disposition

Buller explained that the owner might be willing to give the property Delray's at 1399 East Michigan Avenue (10-380-002-00) along with the building to the Township if the Board would agree to all the cleanup of property after being burned down by the Township Fire Department. Olson stated that the Fire department was just waiting to hear when Clark Lawson could get in and check for asbestos, Buller stated that all they would need to do is contact the Realtor. There was discussion on what could be removed from the building and also about the road being closed in which M Dot has been notified and only one lane would have to be closed.

Motion 16-08-13 by Jacox / Gunning to move ahead with donation of Delray's building and property and land as long as there's no asbestos in the building so that the Township Fire Department can use it as a practice.

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

Committee to look at salaries

Hill stated that the Board has decided to have a committee to look at salaries for the Township. Hill also stated that Kathy Jahr would be one member another would be Kay Campbell and last on the committee would be Laneta Dougherty.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tish Gancer who lives at 13519 6 ½ Mile Road which is next to where the new Hotel is going up spoke to the Board Members about one of her Walnut Trees being removed that was on her property and by the new hotel also that everything seems very close to her house more than she anticipated it would be and believes there should be some kind of barrier. There was much discussion with several of the Board Members on this issue and Hill said he would take a look at it. Jacox commented that the developer should take care of the problem.

Resident on writing a letter to the State legislator about getting permission for Toll Roads in Michigan

Resident thanked Hill for finding out why her road was not on the list of Scope of Preliminary Project Improvements by the County Road Department.

This same resident was going by Alden Avenue and was wondering what was going on, as there was a house that was encased in plastic; several of the Board Members stated that the house was being torn down.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Jacox - Glad to see that the Roads will be back on the Ballot in November. On another note Jacox would like all to know that he has been very happy to be sitting on this Board and that someone new would be taking his place in a couple of months and if there's anything he can do to help the Township he will.

Dougherty – Wanted to let members of the Board know that he has had a complaint of odors on Presidential Acres is in the area by Duffy’s Party Store. Also would like to encourage people to get out and Vote.

Buller – Explained some on the Saw Grant and that it covered smoke testing for leaks; Buller stated that a lot of people called about having smoke in their homes. Buller stated if you had smoke that means you have a dry trap and that there is sewer gas inside your home that you wouldn’t have known about. Buller stated that if you have dry traps that you don’t use you can put water or vegetable oil in them and if you do use vegetable oil it won’t dry up like water would just a heads up. Also would like to thank all for their support and thanked Jesse Jacox for his service on the Board.

Gunning – Thanked Jesse Jacox. Also back to the Roads it’s up to the people to get out and vote and one good thing about this vote in November for the roads is that if this passes the people that got their roads done already would be paid back.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 16-08-14 by Hill at 7:20 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township