

Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 14, 2014

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 14, 2014. 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**

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

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion 14-08-01 by Dougherty/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers with a change under Simple Motions for the enforcement of Article III, Noxious Weeds; three lawn mowing's were added 1209 E. Michigan Ave., 307 Main Street Ceresco and 8710 Verona Road.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 14- 08-02 by Talbot/Buller to approve Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Jacox, Talbot, Dougherty, Buller, 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, 2014,

General Fund	\$ 860,704.81
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,465,157.99
Sanitation Fund	\$ 340,607.71
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 131,388.74
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 46,327.93
Public Safety Fund	\$ 259,085.00
Public Safety Extra	\$ 505,249.67

***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:

8800B Drive N	\$88.00 + \$25.00 = \$113.00
14280 Beadle Lake Road	\$44.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 69.00
190 Euclid Street	\$44.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 69.00
15039 6 ½ Mile Road	\$88.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$113.00
15075 6 1/2 Mile Road	\$88.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$113.00
307 Main Street Ceresco	\$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$ 69.00
14651 Petal Lane	\$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$ 69.00
1700 Woodland Beach	\$88.00 + \$25.00 = \$ 69.00

Motion 14-08-03 by Buller/ Dougherty to approve all lawn mowing’s except the first one 8800 B Drive North as Buller believes this one is agricultural and thus shouldn’t have been mowed.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Announcements:**

- Township Planning Commission – Meeting September 3, 2014 at 5:30p.m. ( **new time**)
- Z.B.A. Meeting – to be announced
- Next Township Board Meeting – September 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 14-08-04 by Talbot/Dougherty to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor**

Hill commented on road issues and went over annual tax break down. Hill also discussed the repaving of Columbia Avenue that is taking place now. Hill then read a letter from Enbridge on the repaving of South River Road.

## Clerk

Myers stated the August 5, 2014 Election has been canvased and all results are now official. Myers personally would like to thank all the workers. They did a great job and no one had to take a trip to the County this time!

## Treasurer

Talbot stated that she and her deputy have been busy collecting Taxes and would like to let everyone know that they do except partial payments. Talbot also stated that they were also still collecting Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Also she is talking with PNC Bank again on a credit card machine as the person she was previously working with apparently dropped us. Talbot also stated that we are now selling candy bars along with the pop to purchase things for our kitchen.

## Planning and Zoning Business

Brandi DeShon had nothing. Kim Tuck went over a Property Maintenance Ordinance that Mr. Tuck thought Emmett Township might want to adopt. There was much discussion on this Property Maintenance Ordinance with Board members so they decided that it would be best to table this until next month.

## Assessing

Leslie commented that the Assessing Department has been very busy this month. He has been working on reappraisals and sales studies for the year.

## Public Safety

Chief Olson decided not to go over the Public Safety Report at this time instead he briefly explained the situation surrounding the Officer that had been arrested for alleged criminal sexual charges by the Michigan State Police. Olson stated that the investigation was being conducted by the Michigan State Police with Emmett's complete cooperation. Olson stated that the Officer is entitled to due process. Olson talked about how well the Mass Casualty Drill went and what a great procedure it was and would like to thank everyone involved. Lastly Olson wanted to thank the resident's for their support of the Public Safety Millage.

The following is the activity for the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety:

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
<b>Complaints/Calls for Service:</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Citations Issued:</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Medicals:</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Fires:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>All other Fire Calls:</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>105</b>

Complaints and Calls for Service jumped from the previous month while fire calls and medicals remained fairly constant. Our Mass Casualty Drill was a huge success and very valuable training for our officers. Our officers are now much better prepared should we ever have that type of crash and multiple injuries. Commercial Motor Vehicle Officer Roger King has been off work since May 23, 2014 and remains off work with a possibility of surgery this fall.

The Department investigated 40 retail fraud complaints during the month, 15 Assaults, 6 Breaking and Enterings, 18 Family Trouble or Domestic Violence complaints, 12 Violations of Controlled Substances, 4 Narcotics Equipment Violations, 41 Obstructing Justice/Obstructing Police complaints, 64 Other Person Trouble complaints, 15 Property Damage Accidents, 5 Personal Injury Accidents and 3 Hit and Run Accidents. We also investigated or provided another 23 Citizen Assists for our residents.

The 206 Millage Renewal passed decisively and I want to personally thank each and every one of our residents that voted to support the Department and the renewal. As always, I vow that we will continue to be good stewards of the Township resident's money.

Chief Mike Olson  
Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Emmett Charter Township Resolution T14-07

A resolution to reconstruct South River Drive and construct limited surface improvements to Overton Avenue.

Motion 14-08-05 by Gunning / Buller to approve the resolution T14-07 to reconstruct South River Drive and construct limited surface improvements to Overton Avenue.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Set-up Budget Workshop*

Budget workshop set up for August 27, 2014 - Wednesday at 10:00 am

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There was some discussion on sewer for the Wattles Park area and a comment that the residents should get to vote on that. There was also some discussion on sewer and water laterals on East Michigan starting at 1312 E. Mich. Going to 15551 11 mile road that residents thought they paid for both a long time ago when Mr. Demarest was in Office. This was looked into by Tim Hill, Brandie DeShon and Linda

Bays and found that residents actually paid for a water lateral hook up and not anything to do with sewer hookups.

### **Purchase Orders That Need Approval**

There was a review of the list of PO's by all as that was explained by Myers

Motion 14-08-06 by Myers/ Jacox to approve all PO's # 14-2352, 14-2353, 14-2361, and 14-2385.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Property Maintenance Ordinance Review*

This is what was discussed by Mr. Tuck earlier under Planning and Zoning and the Board thought it best to table and bring back next month.

#### *Lawnmower*

There was some discussion on the Township purchasing a commercial lawnmower to mow the Township Offices and the Station on D drive. It was decided to get several different bids and bring them back to the Board.

### **Public Comments**

Resident at 1618 Beachside wants the Township to purchase a lawnmower made in the USA.

Resident would like Emmett Township to be a family Township and is totally against anymore "*adult businesses*".

### **Trustee Comments**

**Jacox**- Thanked Enbridge for repaving South River Road and Tim for talking to Enbridge. Jacox commented on all the remarkable things that Enbridge has done for the community and that he is proud to be sitting on this Board.

**Dougherty** –Thanked Enbridge and also thankful to all who benefitted from them. Also would like to thank all residents that voted on the Public Safety Millage. Dougherty commented that he would be out of town for the next Township Board Meeting.

**Buller**- Would like all to know that his heart goes out to Public Safety and the Staff.

**Gunning**- no comment

**Adjournment**

Motion 14-08-07 by Hill/ Gunning to Adjourn  
Voice Vote:

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township