

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 2014

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday May 8, 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, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, and Hill
Jacox – Excused

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 14-05-04 by Gunning/ Buller to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

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

Jacox-- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 14- 05-05 by Talbot / Buller to approve Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Gunning, Myers, Dougherty, Talbot, 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: April 30, 2014,

General Fund	\$ 889,279.59
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,424,302.29
Sanitation Fund	\$ 303,310.05
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 104,288.74
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 46,624.50
Public Safety Fund	\$ 24,175.15
Public Safety Extra	\$ 443,768.58

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – Meeting June 4, 2014 at 5:00p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – to be announced
- Next Township Board Meeting – June 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
- Emmett Township Department of Public Safety Annual Retirees/Reunion Breakfast Saturday June 14, 2014, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM has been canceled and will be scheduled at a different time.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 14-05-06 by Gunning/ Buller to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

Jacox-- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill stated that he was working with Enbridge on a deal to get free dirt and gravel for the Township so that an impound lot for Emmett Public Safety can be created in back parking lot.

Clerk

Myers stated that she continues to work on the Division Drive Project with Attorney Lohrstorfer. Mr. Lohrstorfer contacted her today and stated that the Bond would not work as the Township does not own the Roads. The only option of financing will be to go through the Township for 1-2 years with a creation of a Special Assessment District.

Treasurer

Talbot stated that the little glitch with the Land Banks that she had while settling with the County is now worked out. Talbot asked the Board if it was ok to go through collections instead of going to small claims court with delinquent personal property taxes. Chief Olson stated that Public Safety uses Accumed for cost recovery and that they would not do anything with taxes. There was also talk about how much of a percentage would be charged for collections for delinquent personal property taxes. Talbot stated that she would have to check.

Planning and Zoning Business

Brandi Case stated that the Township is looking to rezone two properties the parcel numbers are 13-10-030-020-19 and 13-10-030-020-04 on Harper Village Drive next to the Marriott and the Holiday Inn and is asking the Boards approval. Question from the Board as to how the Planning Commission voted or if there was any concerns from anyone. Case stated that the Planning Commission was ok with the rezoning.

Motion 14-05-07 by Dougherty/Gunning to rezone the two properties from Rural Residential and Rural Agricultural to Commercial in Harper Village next to the Marriott and the Holiday Inn.

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

Jacox-- Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Leslie thanked the Board for the purchase of the plotter.

Public Safety

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Activity Synopsis for April 2014: all Board Members and Public had a copy of the report to look over.

March 2014 Monthly Activity Synopsis

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Calls for Service:	590	566
Arrests:	129	131
Citations Issued:	222	222
Medicals:	53	51
Fires:	3	3
All other Fire Calls:	23	6

Complaints and Calls for Service increased slightly during the month of April. Fire calls and calls for Public Safety saw a significant increase from previous month. PSO Matt Skaggs remains off work from his injury. Chief Olson explained that there were a few more Break-ins this month and two of them that were brought to closure. Olson also explained that the Retirees breakfast that was scheduled for June 14, 2014 has been canceled at this time and will be at a later date. Lastly Olson went over the two grants that they applied for Public Safety one being for a self-contained breathing apparatus that was approved. The second one was for a latter truck that they have not heard back about at this time.

The one (1) mill tax for equipment, buildings and the maintenance for them expires this year and will be on the August 5, 2014 ballot for renewal for another 10 years.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Charter Township of Emmett Resolution T14-05 for the Township to make Budget Amendments for the General Fund Operating.

Motion 14-05-08 by Buller / Gunning to approve Resolution T14-05 for the Township to make Budget Amendments for the General Fund Operating for 2013-14.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Casino Project Coordinator

Hill would like to table this and bring it back to a Budget Workshop.

Condemnation process and the potential violations for the people staying past the condemnation date.
This was asked to be tabled until next month's meeting.

Update on Wattles Park Hardware

Buller explained that the demolition for the Hardware for free would no longer happen but he did receive another bid for demolition which was \$14,000.00 which did not include the removal of the asbestos. Buller stated that the asbestos removal was going to be done by Clarke Lawson at a rate of \$40.00 an hour and not to exceed \$2,000.00 for disposal of materials. Buller also updated everyone on the demolition of the 5 homes that he estimated would qualify for the grant through the Land Bank, only 2 actually qualified for the grant at this time. The first one was 12 East Alden and the second one was 153 O'Neil; the cost to the Township would be \$4,100.00.

Motion 14-05-09 by Buller/ Gunning to move ahead with the removal of the asbestos as soon as possible from the Wattles Park Hardware.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 14-05-10 by Myers/ Buller to move ahead with the razing of the Wattles Park Hardware.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 14-05-11 by Buller/ Talbot to proceed to raze 2 homes being 12 Alden property number 10-530-113-00 and 153 O'Neil property number 10-620-035-00 with the grant through the Land Bank.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Purchase Orders That Need Approval

There was much discussion on the purchase orders since the Board implemented the \$100.00 PO approval at the last Board meeting in April 2014. There were several questions on the PO's as the Board went over the line items and asked questions of the Chief in which he answered. Some of those questions were on the purchase of new cars, carpet cleaning, car batteries, and headlights.

Motion 14-05-12 by Buller/ Gunning to approve all PO's except number 1 the new cars for \$90,000.00

Roll Call Vote: Myers Qualified **No** I think all PO's should be approved, Buller **YES**, Talbot **No**, Dougherty **No**, Gunning **YES**, Hill **No**.
4 NO, 2 YES

Jacox—Excused

MOTION DENIED

Motion 14-05-13 by Dougherty/ Myers to except all PO’s as presented to the Board.

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

4 YES MOTION CARRIED
2 NO

Jacox--- Excused

NEW BUSINESS

Hiring of 2-3 Part-Time Officers

There was much discussion on the Part-Time Officers with the issue of the Affordable Care Act that is supposed to be coming into effect this next year as to cost savings. One other question is do we have the money in this year’s budget to cover the cost of physicals and uniforms. Chief Olson explained the pay rate of a full-time verses a part-time officer and how hiring the 3 part-time would actually save money. Olson stated that there was money budgeted for hiring the 3 part-time officers.

Motion by Myers/ Dougherty to hire 3 part-time officers.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Myers, Gunning, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill qualified just wanted to make sure that we have the money

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Jacox--Excused

Single Tree Lane for Resurfacing

There was much discussion on the issue of the repaving of Single Tree Lane as to where is the money coming from and how to move forward from here. Myers stated that the next step is sending out a letter to everyone in the Special Assessment District and set up a public hearing 15 days from the letters date.

Public Comments

Public on hardware bid were we going to go with old bid or new one and when this process would start. Board Members commented that we would be going with the bid that was voted on tonight May 8, 2014 for a cost of \$14,000.00 that did not include the removal of the asbestos.

Comment on Wattles Park Pharmacy and the fact that there are quite a few cars there lately, also asked if they were still paying property taxes. Talbot answered that it was the food bank. Leslie stated that they are still paying property taxes.

Comment from resident on what house was set to be razed on Alden Street. Board member stated that it was 12 East Alden that was to be razed. Same resident also asked about certified contractors that the better business approves of on the web site to help save the public some work. Same resident also would like to thank the Chief for doing a good job and also Tom Gunning for questioning the expenses. Also asked about the time of the meetings as some can’t make it at 5:30pm.

Resident commented on something being done on our roads as they are so very bad and has damaged his vehicle.

Resident asked if the Township had received any cost recovery yet for Cereal City Recycling. Chief Olson stated not yet but they're still working on it.

Resident with a question for Mrs. Talbot on talking with someone about the dumping of trash and etc. on Michigan and Columbia and also on Huck Street behind Fairfax.

Resident with a question on the time of the Board meetings and the possibilities of changing the time again. Board members stated that they would discuss the issue.

Trustee Comments

Dougherty – Stated that he's proud of everyone being here and that we don't all agree all the time but we do get along. Also commented that he would hope that the Casino would help out with the Sewer System. Lastly Dougherty commented on the Road Department working with little or no money and things aren't getting any better.

Buller – asked how the credit card issue was coming; Talbot stated that she was still working on it. Question for Myers on having any money in the budget for the removal of the Shumack at Newbre Cemetery. Myers and Stone answered that we had looked into that before and it was very expensive and that there is no money in the budget for the removal of the Shumack. Buller also commented that the lease agreement with Zahrion was submitted and signed. Buller's very excited stated that people will see some great things in the Wattles Park Area.

Gunning- Agrees with one of the residents and would like to see more people at the Board Meetings and express themselves.

Adjournment

Motion 14-04-8 by Hill/ Gunning to Adjourn

Voice Vote:

Jacox--Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township