

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
October 9, 2014

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday October 9, 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 14-10-01 by Dougherty/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 14- 10-02 by Talbot/Jacox to approve Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: August 31, 2014,

General Fund	\$ 665,163.36
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,465,182.48
Sanitation Fund	\$ 332,263.80
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 131,388.74
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 45,787.60
Public Safety Fund	\$ 17,229.51
Public Safety Extra	\$ 361,937.52

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:

1209 E. Michigan Ave. Owner Julie A. Phares	\$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$69.00
15075 6 ½ Mile Road Owner Tamara Guthrie	\$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$69.00
1169 E. Columbia Ave. /Vacant Lot Owner Galaxy Properties of Marshall, LLC.	\$110.00 + \$25.00 = \$135.00

Motion 14-10-03 by Gunning/Dougherty to place lawn mowing's on tax lien against these properties.

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – Meeting November 5, 2014 at 5:30p.m. (**new time**)
- Z.B.A. Meeting – to be announced (October 28, 2014 at 4:00p.m.)
- Next Township Board Meeting – November 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 14-10-04 by Talbot/Gunning to accept the Check Register as printed.
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, and Hill,

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Christine Kosmowski

Explained about the Wellhead Water Protection Team and Safe Drinking Water Act. There were lots of questions from Board and public that Mrs. Kosmowski answered. Mrs. Kosmowski would like Emmett Charter Township to look at an Ordinance to protect ground water that Battle Creek City and Pennfield have put into place. She explained that 7% of this area was in Battle Creek City, 20% in Emmett and the remainder in Pennfield Township.

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill commented on getting the lots around the Township cleaned up so that we can get a Farmers Market started along with the impound lot out back. Also commented that he was still working on the sewer line issue and meeting with the Casino again this month.

Clerk

Myers stated that she was working on getting election workers around for the upcoming General Election on November 4, 2014. Also sending out letters to all workers to explain that there would be no

training for the upcoming election however anybody that would like to work on computers can call and talk to JoAnn, Trish or Teresa to set up a time to come in the office.

Treasurer

Talbot stated that taxes have slowed down now and she has talked with our Attorney about going after delinquent taxes in the next few weeks with the Attorney's help.

Planning and Zoning Business

Brandi DeShon had nothing.

Assessing

Leslie commented that the Assessing Department has been working on reappraisals and sales studies for the year.

Public Safety

Chief Olson went over the Public Safety Report and then commented on the traffic stop that Officer Ben Hall had made concerning the child in the car seat and believes that officer Hall made the right choice by not issuing a ticket and purchasing the child a car seat from Wal-Mart. Chief Olson also commented that the Township has received all kinds of calls from all over the Country on the car seat issue as to people wanting to make donations or just thank Officer Hall for his good deed. Olson also explained that the department is setting up a fund for car safety seats for anyone that would like to donate.

September 2014 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	523	566
Arrests:	143	163
Citations Issued:	167	152
Medicals:	62	75
Fires:	3	6
All other Fire Calls:	18	27

The Department investigated 19 retail fraud complaints during the month, 13 Assaults, 6 Breaking and Entering's, 10 Family Trouble or Domestic Violence complaints, 12 Violations of Controlled Substances, 3 Narcotics Equipment Violations, 38 Obstructing Justice/Obstructing Police complaints, 51 Other Person Trouble complaints, 19 Property Damage Accidents, 4 Personal Injury Accidents and 3 Hit and Run Accidents. We also investigated or provided another 30 Citizen Assists for our residents.

On September 22 and 23, 2014, our fire truck research committee, visited the Sutphen Corporation in Dublin, Ohio. We went down to view their factories and their apparatus. Without going into a significant amount of detail for this report, I will say that we were truly impressed and I look forward to providing you with more information.

Finally, PSO Emily Leach left our employment on September 28, 2014. She began her new career with the Battle Creek Police Department this past Monday, September 29, 2014. We wish her well and will miss her hard work.

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 **T14-11 Resolution** for the Beadle Lake Weed Project Assessment Fees for the 2014.

Motion 14-10-05 by Buller/ Gunning to move ahead with the Beadle Lake Weed Project Assessment Fees for the 2014 year **Resolution T14-11**.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awnings for front of buildings

Chief Olson went over the cost of the awnings with Board members and why it was important to purchase the awnings for the buildings with the number one issue being the safety for our citizens coming into or out of either building when it's raining or snowing.

Motion 14-10-06 by Gunning/ Talbot to approve awnings at a cost of \$8,535.00 this is for production and installation over 3 doors.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

\$2,600.00 to clean-up brush on the east side of the building and spread gravel around the Township to get ready for the Farmers Market and Public Safety's Impound Lot.

Motion 14-10-07 by Dougherty/ Jacox to approve \$2,600.00 with a contribution from the 206 fund.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Purchase Orders That Need Approval

No Purchase Orders at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Christine Kosmowski – moved to front of Agenda

New Fire Truck, Replace Door (Public Safety), Interview Rooms, Body Microphones.

Chief Olson went over each item and explained them individually to the Board, there were a lot of questions from Board Members and Residents on each item listed above which were answered by Chief Olson and or Lt. Cunningham. Talbot with a question on training drivers for the new fire truck? Olson explained that the company sends someone up to spend a week on training on the new truck. Question from Buller on revisiting our cost recovery ordinance which all agreed needed to be done after the purchase of the new Fire truck. Cunningham explained that they would have to look into fuel cost, maintenance cost and all other cost.

Motion 14-10-08 by Dougherty/ Talbot to approve the New Fire Truck and Pumper Engine at a package price of \$1,427,763 with the Boards approval to finance \$1,475,000.00 as Public Safety finalizes the components that may need to be added to the units., Replace Front Door for (Public Safety) with a quote of \$2,200.00 so far and not to exceed the amount of \$2,200.00 with another quote for the front door. Interview Rooms Recording System's as we are now required to video/audio tape interviews when people are arrested for criminal activity. To come into compliance with the laws, the system Public Safety was quoted \$7,910.00. Also Body Microphones not to exceed the bid of \$9,400.00 on them.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments

Resident Chief Olson being a heck of a sales man, also wanted all to know that the asphalt on Columbia Avenue only consisted of a 1 inch thickness. Same resident also commented on charging residents for multiple calls to Public Safety.

Resident upset that the East Michigan Road project didn't go all the way through the Wattles Park Area.

Resident wanting to know why the Recycled area on Raymond Road is blocked of and closed.

Resident upset on M Dot areas not being mowed.

Trustee Comments

Gunning – commented that residents need to start talking to their representatives.

Buller- would like to see Cost Recovery on next month’s agenda. Also if Auditor could be here at the next Board Meeting in November.

Dougherty- commented that he is disappointed with the Road Department on asking for millages. Would also like to say how proud he is of Officer Ben Hall and our whole Public Safety Department.

Jacox - would like to thank Two Ducks Concrete for moving into the Township. Also glad to see lots of good things happening in the Township.

Adjournment

Motion 14-09-10 by Hill/ Gunning to Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township