

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
August 8, 2013

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 8, 2013. 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

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

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 13-8-1 by Gunning /Buller to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers; with additions: 1.) adding re-adoption approval of three Ordinances from previous years that no information could be found on file that all necessary steps were performed & documented; 2.) Lawn Mowing Fees, both under Unfinished Business.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Gunning, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 13-8-2 by Talbot/Dougherty to approve Consent Agenda with changes made by Buller from Regular Board Meeting 7-11-13 on page 5 concerning the approval of a \$30.00 administrative charge on Lawn Mowing Fees when actual action taken by the Board was to table the issue.

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Myers, Gunning, Talbot, Buller, Dougherty, 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, 2013,

General Fund	\$ 1,263,557.61
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,348,202.48
Sanitation Fund	\$ 265,739.51
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 196,021.20
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 57,240.84
Public Safety Fund	\$ 59,513.48
Public Safety Extra	\$ 368,272.96

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

None

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

In accordance with the Township’s Blight Ordinance and in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, the Public Services Department authorized in accordance with Section 26-77 E of Code of Ordinances Emmett Charter Township, the mowing of weeds on the subject property:

15020 Ackerson Dr.	\$ 85.00
12 E. Alden Ave.	\$ 115.00
12 E Alden	\$ 55.00
52 W Alden	\$ 49.00
125 Cohasset	\$ 55.00
190 Euclid	\$ 55.00
9826 Gavin	\$ 75.00
1209 E Michigan Ave.	\$ 85.00
200 Nelson Street	\$ 55.00

Notice of Authorization permit number 13-13-0021-p- sea wall permittee: Gene Scullion 4282 Council Crest Circle Battle Creek, MI 49017

Notice of Authorization permit number 13-13-0013-p- sea wall permittee: William & Elaine Baak 4262 Council Crest Circle Battle Creek, MI 49014

AT&T Annual Video Report July 19, 2013 – see attachment

Semco Energy Notice – see attachment

Firefighter, Blaine Frey’s visit to Beadle Lake Elementary on 8-1-2013 – Chief Olson explained, commenting on what a great asset Blaine was to the Department.

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – August 21, 2013
- Z.B.A. Meeting – to be announced
- Next Township Board Meeting – September 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with a special meeting at 5.00 p.m. for Public Hearing on Special Assessment District NO. 01 of 2010.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 13-8-3 by Gunning/Dougherty to accept the Check Register as printed with a question from Steve Buller on the amount of the Consumers Energy payment, this was explained by Talbot payment was for the Street lights.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Working hard to clean-up Township and keeping things moving ahead. Question from Gunning on the park next to the Township Hall and when they would be starting. Hill said probably in a couple of weeks.

Clerk

Nothing at this time.

Treasurer

Tax bills have been mailed if you haven't received one please call and we will get one to you. Taxes due September 14, 2013

Planning and Zoning Business

Brandi Case proposed that we change the Connection Fees for Emmett Township Water and Sewer with the price per REU to the same amount for all new connections, except the current Allen Edwin subdivision. That subdivision would remain the same. The new amounts would be \$2,200.00, for each.

Motion 13-8-4 by Jacox /Buller to increase the water/sewer connection fees to be \$2200 for all with the exception of the Allen Edwin Sub-Division.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Working on property reappraisals and gearing up to do a sales study.

Public Safety

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Activity Synopsis for the Month of July 2013. Olson stated that there was a pretty big increase from last month to this month in terms of calls. Lots of larceny and break-ins in southern parts of the township. Olson asked that if residents see strange vehicles please call 911. Chief Olson stated that we just had our second annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 thanked Diane, Teresa and Steve for attending and helping out. We've just finished our simulated training Trustee Buller and Supervisor Hill came over and got introduced to a little of the simulated training.

One last thing is the Police Officers Labor Council agreement has been approved by everyone else except the Board and would like the Board to approve the existing contract as nothing has changed from the previous contract; it was decided that several of the Board members would like to review the contract before signing.

Dougherty with some questions to the Chief on total staffing. Chief explained that there were 15 fulltime Officers and 24-25 part-time Officers he also explained the different positions and what their rolls were.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Wattles Park Hardware Store located at 1397 E Michigan Avenue Parcel # 13-10-380-003-00.– Donation from Brian Counts in lieu of the Township paying the taxes on the building for this year. There was much discussion on the terms of the acquisition and the cost of the demo.

Motion 13-8-5 by Jacox /Gunning to except the Wattles Park Hardware Store as a Donation with the Township paying the property taxes for this year.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Myers both No with Myers no being a qualified no: she can't vote yes without knowing where the money is coming from.

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

**FIVE YES
MOTION CARRIED**

425 Agreement with Pennfield – RE: Grand Trunk

There was much discussion on this with Board Members on what the benefit for The Township would be. Hill commented that this was on the Agenda just for discussion and informational purposes.

Discussion on office hours

This was brought to the Board by Brandi Case on working 40 hours 4 days a week or working 36 hours 4 days a week and having Fridays off. This was supported by most of the employees as long as the money could be found. It was decided by the Board to table this until the Budget Workshop so this could possibly be looked at and brought back to the Board.

Motion 13-8-6 by Buller/ Dougherty to table until next Budget Workshop meeting.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

P.O.'s That Need Approval

1) Douglass Safety Systems LLC. for the amount of \$81,953.97 for self-contained breathing apparatus to be financed by Public Safety Extra, Fund 206.

Motion 13-8-7 by Talbot/ Myers to purchase 20 the Viking Z7 scba, 4500psi, 30 min carbon cyc med dbl curve mask w/head harness, pass/vas & buddy breathe.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

2) Vortec in the amount of \$4,392 for Phillips Digital Pocket Memo, Phillips SpeechExec Pro Transcribe Station, Standard installation and training with a total investment of to be funded by 211-326-740.00 (Drug Fund).

Motion 13-8-8 by Jacox/ Dougherty to approve the recorder package for a total of \$ 4,392.00 to come out of Drug Forfeiture.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief on hiring back the three Casino Contracted officers that had been laid off to work part-time. Talbot on where was the money coming from. Kenneth Cunningham explained that on hiring back the three officers that were laid off would actually save us money. There were several questions on the issue from the Board that were answered by Cunningham.

Motion 13-8-9 by Gunning / Talbot to hire back the three Officers part-time.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinances 6, 7, & 8 of 2013 to be readopted by the Board & also to move ahead with MUNICODE

Ordinance 6 – Adopting rules and regulations with regard to Motor Carrier Safety

Ordinance 7 – An Ordinance to establish the office of Reserve Officer; to prescribe the duties of said office; to authorize the Township Board to appoint any person or persons to said office; and to amend any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of Emmett Charter Township which conflict with the provisions hereof.

Ordinance 8 – An ordinance enacted pursuant to MCL 28.451 and MCL 28.457 of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, 2011 PA 256, and 2013 PA 65, amending the Emmett Charter Township Code of Ordinances

so as to regulate consumer fireworks within the Charter Township of Emmett; and to provide an effective date of said ordinance and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

It was also decided to move ahead with MUNICODE knowing that the three readopted Ordinances would raise the cost.

Motion 13-8-10 by Gunning / Buller to adopt the three Ordinances number 6, 7, and 8 of 2013.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Lawn Mowing Fees

There was much discussion on the issue of what the Administrative Fee should be for Lawn Mowing. Talbot explained that all other Administrative Fees were \$25.00 and that she felt they should all be the same for now.

Motion 13-8-11 by Jacox /Dougherty to make the Lawn Mowing Administrative Fee \$ 25.00

Roll Call Vote: Gunning No,

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

**1 NO 6 YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments

A resident had a comment on the sign (Red Room) on Columbia Avenue being an Adult Book Store. This was answered by several people that told her it was in Battle Creek not Emmett.

A resident who is the owner of Battle Creek RV Sales came to the Board to ask for a Conditional Use Permit so that he would be able to move his business and stay in Emmett Township. He explained that he has a timeline problem as he has to move propane tanks from one location to another. This issue was discussed by several Board Members that said they would do whatever they could to help so that he could stay in Emmett.

A resident commented on the number of people that attend the meeting at its new time.

Trustee Comments

Gunning – Nothing at this time.

Buller – Explained the DEQ Permits to the Public that they are permits for seawalls. Buller also asked about our credit card system being started and that he would like to get that in place as soon as possible.

Jacox – Commented on the having the river back for a year and this weekend being the Kazoo the River on Saturday starting at the Ceresco Dam.

Dougherty – Thanked everyone for being here.

Adjournment

Motion 13-8-12 by Hill/Gunning to adjourn 8.00 p.m.
Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township