

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
May 9, 2013

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday May 9, 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, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox and Hill
Myers excused

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 13-5-1 by Buller/Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers with changes striking Fireworks from New Business and Unfinished Business; striking the closed session; the addition of Randy Ramsey from Civil Engineers to right before Consent Agenda; and adding of Resolutions T13-13 and T13-14.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

MICHIGAN AVENUE SANITARY SEWER STUDY AS PRESENTED BY RANDY RAMSEY FROM CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC.

Mr. Ramsey gave an overview of The Michigan Avenue Sanitary Sewer Study that he presented to the Board. He discussed recommended Improvements along with estimated cost. There was a lot of discussion between the Board and Mr. Ramsey.

Motion 13-5-2 by Buller/Gunning to make a recommendation that the Solid Waste Committee continue discussions to help facilitate getting the Michigan Avenue Sanitary Sewer issue corrected and report back to the Board at the June Board Meeting.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 13-5-3 by Talbot/Jacox to approve Consent Agenda without discussion.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: April 30, 2013

General Fund	\$ 994,466.62
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,335,886.45
Sanitation Fund	\$ 238,566.44
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 193,055.75
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,692.43
Public Safety Fund	\$ -2,556.19
Public Safety Extra	\$ 324,614.15

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Comcast has a Notice of changes to the channel line-up. Customers will be notified of these changes via a message on their billing statements. Changes will be effective on or about June 19, 2013.

Speed/Speed HD (channel 731/223) will move from Sports & Entertainment Package to the Digital Starter Service.

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – May 15, 2013
- Z.B.A. Meeting – May 21, 2013
- Next Township Board Meeting – June 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 13-5-4 by Buller/Talbot to accept the Check Register as printed with a question. Buller had question on Check #31097 in the amount of \$2,143.75 to Civil Engineers, Inc. Is The Township getting reimbursed for this expense? M. Buckley replied and stated that he will bill.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Addressed/Complimented Clark Lawson on the recent painting of the Township Meeting Room and how nice it looks. Mr. Hill stated that he is still working on The Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor also addressed that he continues to work on The Township's Roads.

Clerk

The Election on May 7, 2013 for Battle Creek Public Schools went extremely well and results have been certified.

Treasurer

Would like to express her congratulations and gratitude to the Public Safety Fire department for the superior job they did in putting out the fire at Cereal City Recycling. Talbot made mention of the work that Teresa Myers and herself did cleaning up some of the garbage in the vacant lot behind the Township, and hopes people will be able to notice some improvement. Mrs. Talbot also stated that the 2013 Summer Tax Bills will be coming up soon.

Planning and Zoning Business

Mr. Buckley made announcement that there will be both a Planning Commission Meeting on May 15, 2013 and a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on May 21, 2013.

Assessing

Nothing at this time

Public Safety

Chief Olson reviewed The April 2013 Monthly Activity Synopsis that was presented to the Board. Numbers were down slightly this month with 567 calls for service, 89 arrest, 104 citations issued, 58 medicals, 4 fires and 13 other miscellaneous fire calls. Olson spoke of the numerous man-hours required during the recent armed robbery at Speedway. Olson touched base on the recent fires in the Township and expressed his pride in his entire department's valiant efforts. He spoke of his appreciation to the 9 agencies that collaborated and assisted the Township in putting out the massive Cereal City Recycling Fire giving a special appreciation to the Dispatch for a job well done. Supervisor Olson commented on the National Police Week May 12-18, 2013 and how please he is to be able to give honors at an award banquet on May 15, 2013 and welcomes the Board to attend. Finally he would like to remind everyone that June 6, 2013 is the Annual Retiree Breakfast it will be held at the Fire Station; this year is the 70th Anniversary of the Fire Department.

Hill also expressed his gratitude to the Public Safety Department and the 9 agencies that collaborated on the Cereal City Recycling Fire.

Jacox asked if the Chief plans to address Cereal City Recycling in conditions of re-establishing out door storage around their facility so that future fire risks are reduced. Olson replied that was a question better to be address by the Township's Building Inspector. Buller answered by saying that Cereal City Recycling will need to come before the Planning Commission and at that time recommendations would be made.

Jacox also asked about the Township's Fire Trucks paint damage and the extent of it caused by the fire. Olson replied by stating that the truck was fine.

Resident asked about the injuries to Firefighters during the fire. Olson replied that three were in fact injured but, it was more of a heat/weather related injury and the injured are now doing fine.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Resolution T13-12 Emmett Township Proclamation for National Police Week May 12-18, 2013 as printed.

Motion 13-5-5 by Buller/Jacox to approve Resolution T13-12 as printed

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T13-13 a Resolution to Authorize the Township to submit a proposal to Enbridge requesting Conveyance of two River Parks within the Township to Emmett Township as printed.

Motion 13-5-6 by Buller/Jacox to approve Resolution T13-13 as printed

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T13-14 a Resolution to Support the Replacement of NBI Bridge #13200073000R010 Raymond Road over Conrail (Structure #1317) as printed.

Motion 13-5-7 by Buller/Dougherty to approve Resolution T13-14 as printed

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

All Resolution's T13-12 thru T13-14 passed by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting May 9, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC).
Application from A-1 Liberty Discount Party Store, LLC (Salinder Singh) located at 957 E. Emmett Street.

Motion 13-5-8 by Buller/Gunning to approve the Liquor License for A-1 Liberty Discount Party Store, LLC (Salinder Singh) located at 957 E. Emmett Street subject to the obtaining and finalization of the required Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Permits.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

P.O.'s That Need Approval

Douglas Safety System not to exceed \$ 8,281.23 (GL# 205-326-970.00) for Qty. 5 Replacement set Firefighting Gear. This was budgeted for 2012-2013

Motion 13-5-9 by Talbot/Jacox to approve the Purchase Order for Douglas Safety System not to exceed\$8,281.23

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comments

Jim Mead commented on June 14, 2013 being Flag Day and also the Army's Birthday. He would like to see our citizens flying their flags on that day. Before you fly your flag check to make sure that it is not damaged and if it is damages please dispose of the damaged flag properly and replace with a new flag. Mead also made announcements to the 70th Anniversary Retiree Breakfast on June 15, 2013 and made mention of a special patch that will be available. Mead's final comment was on the Heritage of Battle Creek expressing their interest in obtaining a copy of his memoir of the History of Emmett Township's Fire Department once it is completed.

Chief Olson expressed that he is absolutely impressed with our community and their generosity with the food/drinks provided to the firefighters during the Cereal City Recycling Fire. Would like to send everyone that helped - a THANK YOU.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Trustee Comments

Gunning had no comment

Buller commented of the BCATS Meeting and that the project to widen Michigan Avenue by Wattles Road has been bumped back to 2015.

Dougherty expressed his gratitude to the Chief and the Public Safety Department for their exemplary job in putting out the recent fires.

Jacox also expressed his gratitude to the Chief and the Public Safety Department for their exemplary job in putting out the recent fires.

Adjournment

Motion 13-5-10 by Hill/Dougherty to adjourn 6:45 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Trish Stone, Deputy Clerk
Acting Secretary
Emmett Charter Township