Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
August 9, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday August 9, 2012. 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
Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, and Dougherty **QUORUM PRESENT**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 12-8-1 by Henrich/ Talbot to approve the Agenda with any needed changes

Roll Call Vote: King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, and Dougherty **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Motion 12-8-2 by O'Connor / King to approve Consent Agenda without discussion
Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, and Dougherty **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

***Treasurer's Report*:**
The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of June 30, 2012

General Fund	$ 892,786.85
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	$ 1,462,307.10
Sanitation Fund	$ 257,602.65
Project V Sewer Fund	$ 295,095.89
Drug Forfeiture Fund	$ 71,102.86
Public Safety Fund	$ 29,882.51
Public Safety Casino Fund	$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	$ 229,005.87

The Monthly Departmental Report:
Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

***Communications*:**

Announcements:
Township Planning Commission – August 15, 2012
Z.B.A. Meeting – Canceled
Next Township Board Meeting – September 13, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-8-3 by O'Connor / Talbot to accept the Check Register with a question from a board member on a check for Shirts & More which Chief Olson answered.
Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, and Dougherty **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Camp-Seifke – Gave an update on the Kimball Pines cleanup and also on the Road Commission Task Force. Julie Camp-Seifke also thanked all the people that voted for her.

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Stated that since the 911 failure we are going to have to move forward on collecting Delinquent Personal Property Taxes.

Clerk

Thanked all Election workers for all their help; because without them we couldn't do the Election's. Also addressed the issue on our Military Ballots, not being able to issue them by the deadline. The Township had not received them by June 23, 2012. The Township received them on June 25, 2012 and immediately sent them out. The ones that were sent had returned to office prior to Election Day. Since the County orders the ballots for us, we are dependent on them when it comes to deadlines. This last election was a special case; because the ballots were so long they had to be printed by a different vendor.

Treasurer

Continue to collect Summer Taxes they are due by September 14, 2012 without penalty. Thanked Julie for attending all our meetings and keeping us updated.

Planning and Zoning Business

Supervisor Dougherty and Mike Buckley met last week with the Contract Engineers on the East Michigan Avenue Sewer Study. They received an update status on the project. The Engineers will be supplying Emmett with a copy of that Study within the next couple of weeks. Engineers are planning on appearing here in October to go over study with the Board. Lastly (this is just for everyone's information) Columbia Court Apartments owned by Summit Point has found out that the complex's well is bad. They would like to tap into the Golden Avenue water line. There would be no cost to the Township. They will need the Townships consent to tap into that water line. They are running on a stringent deadline to get this all done.

Assessing

Excused

Public Safety

Chief Olson we had 866 Police calls for the month of July which is up considerably. We had 109 EMS calls, 11 Fires, & 71 Medicals, 174 Arrests, & 283 Citations. National Night Out was a huge success Olson said he would like to thank all the Board Members that attended. Also Olson would like to thank Kevin Henning of the Calhoun County Road Commission for the use of their Trucks for the water ball game. We had all kinds of games for kids. National Night Out has gone on for twenty nine years and is a great community interaction between Public Safety and the Public. Everyone should also know that the funds for this did not come out of General Fund, they got donations from all over and then the majority came out of the Drug Fund. Chief Olson thanked all the Staff for all their work on the National Night Out. One week ago Saturday there was a fire at the Supervisors house which was struck by lightning the Fire Department did a great job. One thing that would have helped would have been a Thermo Imaging Camera to detect hot spots and also if someone was trapped inside it would help detect them also.

Comment from O'Connor on how the new K-9 is working out? Chief Olson replied that he is doing great but that he is not a people person dog, he is still very young. Olson also stated that he is a great tracker. Olson also stated that there was a purse snatching on Tuesday and they have apprehended the suspect.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

P.O.'s That Need Approval

Motion 12-8-4 by O'Connor/King to approve the two purchase orders one for the Thermal Imager/ 4 Batteries Pistol Grip w/Laser, Retractable Lanyard Truck Mount & Station Charger and Batteries for Life w/1 year warranty for $9,999.00. The second one being Helmets, Goggles and Shield Ornaments for Helmets for $ 2,055.18. With the Money coming from SAFER Funds and Forfeiture Funds.

Roll Call Vote: O'Connor, Talbot, Myers, Henrich, King, Maichele, and Dougherty **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments

Public comment congratulating everyone that moved on. Also stated that he had to close his ice cream business because of the sewer business. He also addressed a sign concern. There was a lot of discussion with several of the Board Members on this issue.

Trustee Comments

Maichele
Thanked Julie for all her work. Stated he had lots of questions from customers not understanding the 911 issue and he didn't think that we as a Board had made any decisions as to whether any of the savings would go back to the people. He feels it could have been explained a little better.

O'Connor
Stated that we had discussed what we would do with the savings by trying to offset the 1.375 mills that we were currently assessing. We couldn't state the exact amount as we are currently going through huge negotiation's with some of the Public Safety Officers. Stated that we did agree on reducing the mills that we are currently assessing and that it wouldn't be a huge amount but would be something, also stated that the Township can't give back Tax refunds. Also wanted to let everyone know that the Military Ballots that didn't go out by the deadline was no fault of the Clerk, and I would hope that the Battle Creek Enquirer would clarify that. Congratulations to Trustee King and Condolences to Julie Camp-Seifke and Congratulations to everyone else.

Henrich
Thanked all candidates that were on the Ballot win or lose it a tough decision as it's a four year term, it ended up being more than I expected. As far as the 911 issue there has been some talk about Townships or other Municipality's having to figure out where they will get more money to pay the dispatch, since refinancing and watching what we've spent we have been able to put a little money back and that will help us for now. Thanked Julie for her service.

King
On the 911 issue most areas can't give back money and it's going to be about $100,000 dollar increase. We're sitting good as we have LRSB money and everyone has watched what they are spending. Thanked Julie and explained that he's happy on being the next County Commissioner and knows that the bar has been set high. Thanked everyone for the National Night Out and all the work that was put into it, it turned out great.

Talbot
Thanked everyone for taking down their signs so soon after the election and would hope that everyone else would do the same.

Myers
Thanked all election workers as we couldn't do any of this work without them; And a special thanks to Public Safety for helping pick up machines and signs and caring everything in after the election.

Dougherty
Thanked Julie, we really appreciate everything you've done for us. Last Saturday there was a fire at our house due to a lightning strike Public Safety came they did a great job, they used the Thermal Imaging Camera to find all the hot spots. On the 911 issue maybe we could have done a better job of explaining it but we all thought we explained it fairly well and maybe it will come back again. People will have to find a way to deal with this as we do need this service. Would like to thank everybody that ran and all workers, they did a great job.

Adjournment

Motion 12-8-5 by Dougherty to Adjourn at 7:45 P.M.
Voice Vote: **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Pat Dougherty Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers Clerk
Emmett Charter Township