

*Charter Township of Emmett
Budget Workshop
January 5, 2017*

Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 9:02 a.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Board Member Attendance

Present:

Buller, Brown, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Gunning, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

Absent:

Talbot

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This meeting commenced by Hill speaking towards Myers-Malone in a heated/raised voice on her actions of calling the Michigan Township Association for clarification and sending out an e-mail to the Board Members about a hire for the Property Appraiser position that wasn't brought to the Board for approval; Myers-Malone rebutted and stated that her actions were not out of line. Hill asked Mike Leslie to speak about the situation. Leslie, Assessor spoke about how Summer Flynn had quit because of the MERS taken out of her check and how Summer Flynn recommended Jacob Hill for the position. This is Leslie's busiest time of the year and he needed someone right then to fill the position. Hill claimed that ALL Board Members were talked to about this hire. But Dougherty and Myers-Malone stated they were NOT talked to prior to Leslie hiring Hill's son. Hill called Dougherty a Liar. Dougherty rebutted and stated he has never lied to the township.

Motion 17-01-01 by Brown/ Dougherty that all hiring must be brought to the Board. The Board will take recommendations for hiring.

Roll Call Vote: Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, Dougherty, and Hill **ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Dougherty stated that the process for hiring was NOT followed here, and that he was NOT talked to until after Leslie had hired Hill's son. Dougherty also commented on how we used to hire by process of posting, resumes and getting the most qualified individual for the job. Myers-Malone stated that she was NOT contacted about the situation until after the fact and Leslie had already hired Hill's son. She also stated that she was worried about not getting the most qualified individual and that Hill's son had no previous experience. Buller stated that for the rate of pay that the Property Appraiser is receiving minus the MERS we wouldn't find someone qualified for the job. Lt. Cunningham stated that he has a hard time finding people to get shot at and run into burning buildings for \$13/ hour. Gunning stated that we've always accepted the hires recommended from Department Heads that was brought before the Board.

After Motion and discussion Hill apologized to Dougherty.

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Nothing was approved by the Board for hiring or setting pay for the Property Appraiser Position.

Budget will be looked at with Department Heads and the Supervisor before the January Board Meeting. Discussion about possibly phasing out MERS into 401K. Dougherty also asked to have the balance of the fund equity at the board meetings. Hill looking into refinancing bonds. Discussion on access vision, 911 dispatch, and altering the millage Willard Library. Buller stated he will not approve a budget on a downhill slide, as he will not be present for the Board Meeting.

Chief to work on projection of the re-structure of the Public Safety Department. Stated he could have it done by February Board Meeting.

Resident talked about Access Vision Contract and thought the contract wouldn't be up until 2020, contract negotiations this year, and also discussed the library millage and how it would be a legal issue to modify the millage for the library.

Motion 17-01-02 by Hill to adjourn at 10:23 a.m.

Voice vote: **ALL YES, MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Tracy Myers-Malone
Emmett Charter Township