

*Charter Township of Emmett
Budget Workshop
December 21, 2016*

Budget Workshop was called to order by Supervisor Hill at 9:12 a.m., was moved to the Admin Building by Hill.

Board Member Attendance

Present:

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

QUORUM PRESENT

Absent:

Talbot

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Motion 16-12-02 by Brown/Buller to change the Agenda.

Voice Vote: ALL YES, MOTION CARRIED

This meeting commenced by discussing our options with the Del Ray property in Wattles Park. The owner wanted us to take the property where the building sits and directly behind it for FREE. Dougherty stated that we the Township are not in the market for commercial property sales. Buller stated the costs would be about \$20,000 for a complete demolition of the building, but if we could burn it down would probably only cost \$10,000 to break it up and fill in the basement. Hill also stated that he has someone interested in the property once the new sewer lines come into effect, but until then they could tie into our existing sewer main line across the street. Dougherty had lots of questions that were unanswered by Buller and Hill including; the hook-up price for the new line/ existing line, who would be hooked up to the new line, would the schools have to hook up, how long would we have the property before its sold. Gunning stated he thought this would be a great piece of property for the Township.

Motion 16-12-03 by Brown/ Gunning to approve the Del Rays property, contingent upon securing funds for demolition.

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

Discussion on the Public Safety re-structure started with Buller stating what Sheriff Matt Saxton had reported to Hill about the RFP, Buller reflected his take that Saxton doesn't want to put anyone out of business. Dougherty stated the Chief helped so much with the recovery of our Township after the recall. Dougherty wanted to know how much we would be saving and wants to see numbers, he also stated once we outsource there's no returning to our own officers. It is known that we have to cut our budget or else the Township will be bankrupt in the next 5 years. Chief warned the Board about comparing apples to oranges when looking at switching and that we might not get the same amount of coverage even though right now we are at a minimum coverage for patrolling officers. Hill was to go ahead and look at numbers from Matt Saxton and bring them back to the next budget meeting.

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Motion 16-12-04 by Hill/Buller to table the Budget until the next meeting, and for the Board to look over the budget on their own time, and to move the Fee bond schedule, sewer-city connection fees, and moving 22 acres into Economic Development Corporation to the next budget meeting agenda.

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

Motion 16-12-05 by Dougherty/Gunning to change the drop box fee to \$30 annually for LOCAL and \$200 annually for NON-LOCAL.

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

Motion 16-12-06 by Hill to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

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

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Tracy Myers-Malone
Emmett Charter Township