

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
Regular Board Meeting
August 8, 2019

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August, 2019. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The pledge of allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

Brown, Buller, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Hill
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 19-08-03 by Brown/Myers to approve the Agenda.
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, & Brown
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

FIVE YES
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 19-08-04 by Buller/Brown to move the minutes from the Consent Agenda and approve with corrections from Mr. Buller.
Roll Call Vote: Hill & Buller
Myers-Malone, Brown, & Dougherty
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

TWO YES
THREE NOS
MOTION FAILED

Receive and file the monthly Treasurer's report with balances on hand:

General fund	\$ 2,227,274.98
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 682,276.02
Sanitation fund	\$ 1,488,968.24
Project V Sewer fund	(\$ 225,605.23)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$ 36,137.60
Public Safety fund	\$ 369,047.35
Public Safety Extra	\$ 724,264.29
Beadle Lake weed	\$ 5,943.78
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 2,700.88
Public Safety Explosive-Bomb K9	\$ 9,386.40

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 19-08-05 by Buller/Myers-Malone to accept the Check Register as printed.
Roll Call Vote: Brown, Buller, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, and Hill
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

FIVE YES
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-08-06 by Buller/Hill to receive and file the monthly Treasurers Report.
Voice Vote.
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Building going on, New electronic Signs, The Public Forum on Medical Marihuana was a success and the Board decided upon starting a committee to develop regulations and a process for those companies wishing to move into the recreational Marihuana Business.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- If you're interested in signing up for our permanent absent voter list please stop into the office and ask for us to enroll you or you can go to the Township website, www.emmett.org and under the Governments tab→Clerks Office→Election Information you'll find a form to fill out and submit and then we will get you enrolled. Voters who sign-up for the permanent absent voters list will receive an application approximately eight weeks prior to an election. We are waiting for the new election equipment to start training. FOIA Requests have been high recently, one in particular asked for "Board Rules" and I have yet to find any through all of the Old Records and because of MCL 42.7(6) we will need to have a committee formed and start right away.

The Clerk is getting very frustrated with hostility from other Board Members about items that are the Clerk's responsibility.

Wished everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers- Absent, but Clerk Myers-Malone read her typed report aloud to the audience; Summer Tax Bills 2019 have been mailed and residents should have received their notice by now. If not please call the Township Office so we can get things straightened out.

When using the drop box please use the envelopes provided, remember to only place checks, no cash.

Recycling cards are still available; please stop by the Office to pick yours up.

Dog Licenses are available online, visit Calhoun County's website. A list of available vet offices is listed on the Emmett Township Facebook Site- Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 7am-4:30pm and the Office is open during Lunch Hours.

Please note the Township will be closed Monday September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

PLANNING & ZONING-

Motion 19-08-07 by Buller/Hill to approve Wilson Family, LLC at 1125 suites. 4, 5, & 6 for a site plan review and conditional use permit including conditions placed by the planning commission for a provisioning center; pending a complete site plan review by township officials that confirms all township ordinance requirements have been met and shown on the site plan. Before the business can open, they must have all licensing requirements met by the state and the township. Public safety has the right to do local checks and visit home areas to talk with neighbors and associates.

Roll Call Vote: Brown, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Hill & Buller
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

**FIVE YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 19-08-08 by Dougherty/Brown to approve conditional use for wedding/event venue for medium density in the RA district.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Myers-Malone, Hill, & Buller
Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

FIVE YES

Qualified:

Buller (YES)- Reminder that there are other steps to follow for new use.

MOTION CARRIED

ASSESSING- None.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

Calls for Service for July 2019

	<u>7/19</u>	<u>6/19</u>
Complaints/ Calls for Service	858	795
Criminal Complaints	<u>220</u>	<u>174</u>
Total	1078	969
Citations	94	91
Motor Carrier	38	29
Traffic Crashes	31	26
Arrests	42	43
	Felony	4
	Misdemeanor	39
Fire Calls	171	140
	Structure Fire	3
	Vehicle Fires	4
	Outdoor Fires	4
	Medicals	89
	Traffic Crashes	16
	Water Rescue	1
	Miscellaneous	54

As you can see, we continue to be busy with investigations with over 1000 complaints. Fire response has also increased this month as anticipated with the warmer weather.

(As of 8/1): In reference to the drowning incident on Beadle Lake on 07/03/19, we are still waiting for the toxicology findings and the final report from the medical examiner's office, so the case is still open.

The first day of school is scheduled for 08/21 this year.

July's training was tanker shuttle operations and we trained at the Harper Creek High School with Newton Twp. and Bedford Twp.

In August we are having firearms training along with River rescue and boat operations.

I hope everyone has a great month and enjoys their summer.

Respectfully,



UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Motion 19-08-09 by Hill/Myers-Malone to Table Pay Raises.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Myers-Malone, Hill, & Buller

Gunning & Myers, EXCUSED

**FIVE YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS- None.

NEW BUSINESS- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident has Issue about parliamentary procedure, recommends studying the 11th edition of Roberts Rules of Order. Jim also stated that Bylaws/Board Rules haven't been found for the Township. Contacted Matt Hall and received memo about MCL 42.7(6). Jim recommends that we form a committee and work on bylaws, He would be interested in being on the committee to focus on what can we do better as a Township.

Resident with questions, two of the part time officers moved to full time? When is the next meeting at the Library? Please correct meeting minutes abstain is spelled with an "a".

Resident stated that he has been coming to meetings for a year, the Board is fractured and puts a bad name to the community. One trustee who brings accusations against the Supervisor, follow up on criminal charges or prosecution. Very apparent.

Resident has concerns that kayakers are not wearing life jackets. Recreational Marihuana sales will be allowed on November 1. Use local labor and buy local.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- None.

Dougherty- Thanked Phil, recognized issues and difficult decisions. Only looking for the Best interest of the Township. What happened to Township Governance? Thank you.

Myers-Malone- None.

Hill- Thanked everyone for attendance. Happy Labor Day.

Myers- EXCUSED.

Buller- Congratulations to Brandi that had her baby. Apologized for Gunning stating he would be tardy but present and then never showed. Public Safety needs to strategize training and increase wages to keep staff.

Gunning- EXCUSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19-08-23 by Buller/Brown to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*