

**Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday February 12, 2015. 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 MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Buller, Jacox, Dougherty, Gunning, Talbot and Hill  
Myers – Excused

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion 15-02-01 by Gunning/Buller to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 15-02-02 by Talbot/Jacox to approve Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Treasurer's Report:***

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: January 31, 2015

General Fund	\$ 314,339.79
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 522,385.30
Sanitation Fund	\$ 367,059.09
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 25,687.59
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 37,021.67
Public Safety Fund	\$ (41,402.20)
Public Safety Extra	\$ 210,258.68
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$ 23,124.72

***The Monthly Departmental Report:***

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed if any.

**COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS**

**Announcements:**

- Township Planning Commission – To be announced meeting times are @ 5:30 p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – To be Announced
- Next Township Board Meeting –March 12, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 15-02-03 by Talbot/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor**

Hill made mention of the new awnings recently added to the front of the Township Building. He also addressed a resident’s inquiry about sewer odor by stating that he is working with the City of Battle Creek on the sewer upgrade along the Casino Corridor and when all phases of work are completed the smell should improve.

**Clerk**

None

**Treasurer**

Talbot made mention that the 2014 Winter Taxes are due by Tuesday 2/17/2015 without penalty. Any payments after that date will have an additional 3% penalty added to the bill – payments can be made to Emmett Township Treasurer through 2/28/15. Talbot also commented that our first CD has matured and she has rolled it over to a new 7 month CD for the Sewer Fund. Talbot made note that she has seen a significant increase in the amount of interest the Township has made by making the switch from PNC Bank to Chemical Bank.

**Planning and Zoning Business**

Nothing at this time

## Assessing

Leslie made mention that his department is busy calculating year end values and thanked the Board profusely for the new Assessing truck. Leslie also asked that the Board reappoint Board of Review Members.

Motion 15-02-04 by Buller/Jacox to reappoint Board of Review Members: Chris Craft, Bob Buckner, and Carl Okon along with reappointing John Sackrider as alternate Board of Review Member.

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

**ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Lt. Tony Geigle reported regrets from Olson for his absence. Geigle reviewed The Department's Monthly Activity Synopsis as printed on Agenda. Geigle then shared with the Board the Beadle Lake Pre-School's letters of appreciation from this year's Fire Prevention Week. Tony also stated that the new Pumper Truck is not yet in service and that once all parts are installed training would then commence. The Pumper would be placed in service once all personnel that operate it are fully trained. Tony thanked the Board and Community for their support of the new vehicles and made mention that they would be game changers.

## RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### ***Donation Boxes:***

Gunning presented the Board a copy of Pennfield Township's current Box Ordinance and asked that the Board review so this can be discussed at a later Board Meeting. Dougherty stated that it was about time the Board acted on this. Talbot made mention that some of the donation boxes are not for charity. Buller made mention of exclusions in Pennfields Ordinance for charitable businesses. Buller then requested that Brandi DeShon and Kim Tuck review and bring a draft of a potential Emmett Box Ordinance to the next Board Meeting, Buller stated that all input from Township Residents are welcomed.

***PO's that Need Board Approval:***

PO 15-2787

Air Cleaning Specialist in the amount of \$1,863.00 (for replacements to air filters in the fire bay)

Motion 15-02-05 by Gunning/Buller to approve PO 15-2787.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Clark Lawson questioned the Board about their decision on vacation benefits for Part Time Employees. Hill responded by stating that he has received verbal confirmation from the Attorney but has not gotten any opinion in writing. Hill stated that he would get with Lawson at a later date and relay information.

Harper Creek Public Schools' new Superintendent Rob Ridgeway introduced himself and expressed that he wished to have an open line of communication with the Board.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Jacox made mention that he would like the Township's assets to be reviewed and cataloged. Would like to see if we can't utilize everything in our inventory and sell items that we no longer can find use for. He would like to create a list of repairs needed including cemetery issues. He would like to start this in the spring.

Dougherty express his gratitude for Rob Ridgeway introducing himself to the Board with expressed interest in an open line of communication; Dougherty hopes this will open new doors. Dougherty also made mention of the lasting good will memories that Fire Prevention Week can have on a child.

Gunning had no comment.

Buller made mention of the progress on the Woodland Beach Repaving Project's petition – he is pretty confident that the 50% signature requirement will be achieved. Buller stated the Calhoun County Road Department is going to address the broken edges on Division Drive by saw cutting the edges this spring. Buller stated that the Federal Government has issued a no cut on all (living and dead) trees greater than 3" in diameter to protect an endangered species of Bat; this applies to all/everyone. (For detailed information [http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10370\\_12141\\_12168---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10370_12141_12168---,00.html) or visit [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) click on Wildlife and Habitat, click on Endangered and Nongame Wildlife.) Buller concluded with relaying that the Raymond Road Bridge Project is now slated to begin spring of 2016. Buller stated that the repaving of Raymond Road is still slated to commence but as always that is subject to change.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 15-02-07 by Hill/Talbot at 6:00 p.m.

Voice Vote:

Myers – Excused

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township

Trish Stone, Deputy Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township