

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday January 12, 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

Henrich would like to move Mr. Jim Slater from PNC Bank from New Business to just before Public Comments.

Motion 12-12-1 by O'Connor/ Dougherty to approve Agenda with the change.

Roll Call Vote: King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Henrich, and Dougherty

All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-12-2 by Talbot/Henrich to Approve Consent Agenda without discussion

Roll Call Vote: Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, King, Henrich, and Dougherty

All Yes **MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of December 31, 2011

General Fund	\$ 97,475.02
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$1,012,351.78
Sanitation Fund	\$ 123,845.46
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 384,670.45
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,438.54
Public Safety Fund	\$ 2,982.43
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 145,263.94

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Comcast

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission meeting January 18, 2012 (Cancelled)

Z.B.A. Meeting – None

Next Township Board Meeting – February 9, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-12-3 by Talbot/Henrich to Approve Monthly Check Register with Questions from King on ASI Security and from O'Connor on Auto Parts that were ordered; both answered by Chief Olson.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, and Dougherty

ALL Yes **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Jim Slater from PNC Bank was a no show – weather conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor – Busy time getting things accomplished here at the Township. Kathy McIlvain will be leaving us February 3, 2012 to move to Utah to be with her Family. She will be greatly missed. Looking through potential applicants to refill Kathy's position at this time.

Clerk – busy time getting ready (testing and getting ballots ready to go out) for the February 28, 2012.

Treasurer – Tax bills are due by February 14, 2012 after this date there will be a 1% interest charge starting February 15, 2012.

PLANNING AND ZONNING

Planning and Zoning- Buckley explained the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment- Article 18 / Local Commercial Districts. Next step is to be published.

SEWER AND WATER BUSINESS

Buckley stated that the pipes are going to be lined probably starting in January; there will be no cost to Township or Residents. Upland is the contractor the city is using for the job of relining the pipes.

ASSESSING BUSINESS

Leslie stated that his department is very busy sending out Personal Property Taxes. Leslie also stated that Kathy McIlvain will be greatly missed. Leslie also answered questions from the Board on foreclosed vacant homes, Principle Residence Exemptions (Homesteads) and how duress sales effect his assessments. All of these questions were answered. Leslie stated that our assessments are right in line and that assessments won't be going down much this year, however land values were down just a little.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUSINESS

Olson stated another busy month for his department with an increase of about 45 more issues since November. There was an increase in break-ins along Columbia Avenue, Beadle Lake Road and Golden Avenue. Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Olson commented about our contract with the Casino’s Tribal Police they are cross trained and we are currently working with them on learning our ordinances. Lawson is working on Shift Training with PSO 3’s; we need this training for our ISO rating for insurance company purposes. Dougherty question on break-ins and where people can go. Olson replied they can go to Emmett Township’s web site where they click on Public safety and go to crime mapping. Public comment on whether it would show accidents as well. Olson stated he would have to check but he did not believe so.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS

We are looking into retaining new General Council. O’Conner addressed Board; each of us has looked into a couple different firms we need now look at rates. Change is good especially if they specialize in what we need. What we need is someone that specializes in Municipal Law.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Maichele- None

King- None

Talbot – Would like everyone to be careful driving home.

Myers- Would also like everyone to be careful driving home as roads were getting bad.

Henrich- Commented on our last board meeting as we went into a closed session we didn’t get to make any comments and wanted to say he hoped everyone had a good New Year. Also we have a November Election this year and if you’re not happy with what’s going on in Emmett Township get involved put your name on the ballot the deadline is May 1, 2012.

O’Connor – None

Dougherty- Thanked everyone for being here.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 12-12-4 by Dougherty/Henrich to Adjourn 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: O’Connor, Talbot, Myers, Henrich, King, Maichele, and Dougherty

All YES **MOTION CARRIED**

Patrick Dougherty, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township