

**Charter Township of Emmett**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**December 14, 2017**

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on December 14, 2017. 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-**

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

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

Motion 17-12-01 by Dougherty/Gunning to approve the Agenda.

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-**

Motion 17-12-02 by Gunning/Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

receive and file the monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: November 30.

General Fund	1,288,311.74
SW Emmett Sewer/ Water	917,858.51
Sanitation Fund	438,674.76
Project V Sewer Fund	(113,843.15)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	10,108.63
Public Safety Fund	(308,889.11)
Public Safety Extra	544,415.66
Beadle Lake Weed	8,067.20
Economic Development	4,594.46

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

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-**

Motion 17-12-03 by Brown/Dougherty to accept the Check Register as printed.

Voice Vote.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-**

**Supervisor, Tim Hill-** Congratulate the New Treasurer; Rachele Myers. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully we won't get too much snow! Be safe!

**Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone-** Gave update on cemetery fencing at Newbre, Thanked Pure Fence for their great work! She is working on quotes for signs for all three cemeteries for spring. Elections department sent out

new election inspector applications. Please fill out the form and mail it back or drop it off at the office. Election Dates for 2018:

-August 7, 2018

-November 6, 2018

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-** Has had a good transition into the treasurer position. Thanked all staff for helping in this transition. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Planning and Zoning Business- None.**

**Assessing- None.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY-**

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
<b>Complaints/Calls for Service:</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Citations Issued:</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Medicals:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Fires:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>All other Fire Calls:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>

Officers have been working a number of breaking and entering in the Township as well as some criminal sexual conduct investigations. I am happy and proud to report that arrests are forthcoming. Obviously, these are lengthy investigations and require a lot of time. Our Detectives have done a fine job bringing forward arrests.

While the calls are down, fire continues to be busy with on-going training, vehicle and equipment maintenance. We did participate in both the Battle Creek and Marshall parades.

Finally, I want to inform our residents that we just negotiated and the Board approved pay raises for the department members that have the collective bargaining agreement. As you may or may not know, we have lost a number of very competent, qualified and well-trained officers to neighboring departments because of our low compensation package. The Township and the labor unit worked very well together and the Board approved an 8% raise for this year and next year. This puts us very close to the average of the comparable departments that do the same type of work as our officers and it is in line with the raises proposed by the wage committee for other township employees.

Chief and Brown thanked all volunteers for the latest SHOP WITH A COP held at the Township.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Marijuana Ordinance- John Macfarlane (attorney) and Thomas Levine (cannabis council) were present to ask questions. There was much discussion among the board and the public.

Motion 17-12-04 by Gunning/ Hill to hold further discussion on the marijuana ordinance until the special meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> held at the Board room.

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

Wage committee- Made presentation concerning the Zoning department.

Recommendation: Increase the zoning administrator \$5,400.00 and hire part time Code Compliance Officer to help. There was much discussion from board members.

Motion 17-12-05 by Buller/ Hill to look at the recommendation from the wage committee at the next special meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion 17-12-06 by Buller/ Hill to approve minutes from November 22<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting.

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS/ NEW BUSINESS- NONE.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Resident made statement that blight officer shouldn't be in police uniform.

**BOARD COMMENTS-**

Brown- Disagreed with resident about the blight officer being in police uniform. Thanked Myers-Malone for all of her help setting up his tablet.

Dougherty- Thanked the Board for the 2017 season. Glad we can agree to disagree and come to a solution.

Buller- Disappointed with Pat. He works hard to keep the Township in a legal position. He tried to straighten out Paul, He sent Paul to Officer training. Paul had a chip on his shoulder.

Gunning- None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 17-11-10 by Brown/ Dougherty at 7:13 p.m.

Voice Vote **ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor*  
*Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers- Malone, Clerk*  
*Emmett Charter Township*