

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2018

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday February 8, 2018. 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, Brown, Gunning, Myers- Malone, Myers, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 18-02-01 by Buller/Brown to approve consent Agenda as printed by Tracy Myers- Malone.

Voice Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers- Malone, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 18-02-02 by Gunning/ Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers- Malone, Myers, and Hill.

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Accept & File the Treasurer's report for Balances as of January 31.

General fund	\$1,264,439.55
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$921,850.15
Sanitation fund	\$685,394.36
Project V Sewer fund	(\$113,993.15)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$10,103.63
Public Safety fund	(\$633,822.70)
Public Safety Extra	\$281,806.52
Beadle Lake weed	\$8,067.20
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$4,594.96

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 18-02-03 by Brown/Dougherty to except the Check Register as printed.

Voice Vote: Talbot, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers- Malone, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Wants everyone to be safe in the Winter Storm. Drive Safe when leaving. Hill is happy about the Budget.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- Gave Elections Update, there will be May 8 election for Harper Creek Schools and Battle Creek Public Schools, Emmett will be taking voters from Marshall and Pennfield. We will be hosting a couple training dates for the new equipment at the end of march and beginning of April for inspectors and “special training” for chairs. Please submit an updated election inspector application if you would like to work in the elections. Also gave Cemetery update, super excited to present quotes for signage to the Board. Extremely grateful for our cemetery maintenance crew with JR Brunner and all of their hard work keeping the cemeteries in tip-top shape. Office Update- Been busy with department meetings for the budget and getting ready for the “train the trainer” election course!

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers- Collecting taxes. She’s getting more and more organized. Nice to see the friendly faces coming into pay taxes and buy dog licenses. We are still accepting Summer 2017 taxes with a penalty until February 14, then those taxes will be turned over to the County on March 1. Winter 2017 taxes are due by February 14 or you will pay a late fee before they then will go to the county for payment. Let residents know that the drop box gets checked every day, postdate your payments and take advantage of this resource.

Planning and Zoning Business- Passed Medical Marijuana Ordinance, now off to the County before it comes back to the Board. Also rezoned East Emmett from light Industrial to local commercial.
Next Planning Commission meeting is March 7 @ 5:30pm.

Assessing-None.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

January 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

The following is the activity for the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety:

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	879	794
Arrests:	22	16
Citations Issued:	67	88
Accidents	50	46
Medicals:	36	92
Fires:	2	5
All other Fire Calls:	22	45

We continue to spend a significant number of hours working with area agencies on the Armed Robberies and everything is moving forward as expected, but certainly slower than we would like. Officers are also working on several Criminal Sexual Conduct complaints and we are getting more and more information regarding drug activity in the township.

I hope I don’t jinx myself for saying this, but our calls for service dropped significantly during the month of January. It was really ideal because annual maintenance was scheduled for our fire apparatus. All of the equipment was serviced and DOT inspected. The Rescue is nearly 10 years old and it required more than the other units due to the rear handles becoming inoperable and a hole in the exhaust. The Tower ladder will be inspected and serviced in the Spring when it is warmer and it can be fully extended.

The Lieutenants and I will be at the Chief’s Conference during the meeting so we will not be in attendance for the Board Meeting. I hope you have a good meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

Motion 18-02-04 by Dougherty/ Brown to have a “Budget Workshop” and work session with any other business to come before the Board on February 22, 2018 at 11am in the Board Room.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers-Malone, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, and Hill

6 YESES

Buller

1 NO

Qualified: Buller- Effort to save money wished we would have done this tonight at the Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 18-02-05 by Buller/ Gunning to accept the Clerks recommendation for Signage for the cemeteries using Sign World Concepts. PO #18-5117 for \$2885.

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

ALL YES

Qualified: Hill- Thanked Myers-Malone for how well the cemeteries have improved look.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 18-02-06 by Buller/ Gunning to approve Cemetery Maintenance Agreement with JR Brunner.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident is disappointed that the Board didn't use time to go over the budget at the Board meeting and asked the Board to rescind the motion.

Resident disappointed in Harper Creek millage increase! Resident asked the voters to vote no.

Resident shared history from Barnes Park; Barnes park was deeded to the City in 1929 by Mrs. Barnes. In 1943 Board Meeting the property was sold to Emmett Township for \$500.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- None.

Dougherty- Read an insert from the Medical Marijuana Ordinance about how we as a Board need to make sure that this will not affect the Townships safety and residents. Asked for local help to be considered in any building project. Hopes that the budget meeting will alleviate Mr. Hills burdens of family issues.

Gunning- Be careful driving in this snow storm.

Buller- DEQ Update: Water Service Study with the pumps and water tower. Cross Connection change to now include residential. Currently only 40 commercial properties each year. Next DEQ meeting is February 20. EPA now involved in water quality. Sewer Rate Study with new rates from Flies and Vander brink will be out soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 18-02-07 by Gunning/ Brown to Adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers- Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*