

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
January 10, 2019

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday January 10, 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, Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add Road Committee Recommendation under Supervisor Report.

Motion 19-01-01 by Gunning/Brown to approve Agenda.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 19-01-02 by Myers-Malone/Gunning to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the December 13 Regular Board Minutes drafted by temporary acting Clerk, Buller.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

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

General fund	\$ 2,281,704.67
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 82,224.42
Sanitation fund	\$ 1,170,487.71
Project V Sewer fund	(\$ 227,411.43)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$ 18,454.52
Public Safety fund	(\$ 506,278.36)
Public Safety Extra	\$ 452,164.86
Beadle Lake weed	(\$ 2,739.17)
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 4,594.96

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 19-01-03 by Buller/Gunning to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Road Committee Recommendation (See Attachment) Belles thanked the Board for hiring Behnke. Meetings were held at four different locations. Outcome from meetings were that a Special Assessment district (SAD) was NOT feasible and there is currently a SAD that is being challenged in Ross

Township. There was much discussion and questions from the Board and the Residents at the meeting towards the Road Committee. Hill Thanked the Road Committee for all of their hard work.

Motion 19-01-04 by Gunning/ Dougherty to move forward with the Road Committee recommendation and get the ballot language approved before the February 12th deadline.

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

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- Glad to be back! 😊 I had a healthy baby boy weighing 9lbs 13 oz and 22” long.

Treasurer, Rachele Myers- Summer/Winter 2018 Taxes are still being accepted. Winter taxes are due by February 14th. The drop box is available, but please call up to the office for your balance before mailing taxes. Dog Licenses are now only available at the County or Vet Office.

Planning and Zoning Business-

February 14th there will be a Dangerous Building hearing half hour before the Regular Board Meeting. Dangerous Building Hearing will start at 5:00pm.

Assessing-

PUBLIC SAFETY-

December 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

	<u>Current Month:</u>	<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	781	1017
Arrests:	31	33
Citations Issued:	90	120
Accidents	38	44
Medicals:	100	60
Fires:	4	0
All other Fire Calls:	24	20

We ended 2018 on a bit of a quieter note as far as calls for service, but the remainder of our activity remained relatively constant. Shop with a Cop, which we hosted again, was another huge success and I know we brought a lot of joy to several of the less fortunate kids and families in our county. Our fire calls increased over the previous two months with 3 structure fires and a vehicle fire. Not surprisingly, the department and our equipment performed very well. Please be aware of commercial break-ins, If you see something please call 911.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

OLD BUSINESS-

Board Members re-signed the “Principles of Governance”

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 19-01-05 by Dougherty/Brown to approve Purchase Order 18-5734 for Lift Stations, Total Cost \$18,371.37.

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

Motion 19-01-06 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve Purchase Order 19-5810 for Emergency Reporting, Total Cost \$2,537.26.

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

Motion 19-01-07 by Buller/Myers to approve Purchase Order 19-5804 for CEI, Total Cost \$2,092.50.

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

Motion 19-01-08 by Buller/Gunning to approve Purchase Order 19-5803 for CEI, Total Cost \$6,088.75.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident stated that they pick up garbage from Newbre cemetery and would like to have garbage receptacles and possibly a sign asking visitors to take care of their cemetery decorations and trash.

Resident stated that check register questions towards Buller were not answered as they are stated in the approved minutes drafted by Buller- where is our ethics?

Hill stated he's hoping to have invoices from Miller-Canfields for next meeting.

Resident stated that in the enquirer there were disputes for County worker as Trustee. Why do we still have a Trustee working for the Township? He believes that the Board has put themselves in a very precarious place. The Board Members need to take the Oath of Office seriously! Is this acceptable? There is a lack of transparency? Why don't we put an AD in the Shopper? The County Board Member resigned.

County Prosecutor Dave Gilbert- The Office has stayed busy with over 5600 cases for crime and 1500 felonies. We have brought in \$1.5 million in child support. Please if you have questions give me a call.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- None.

Dougherty- Stated that Meetings aren't being ran correctly, there was no agenda, no pledge of allegiance, no roll call, no motions at the Budget Workshop. There's a clear violation by a Board Member on the Policy Handbook that no action has been taken. There's a conflict of interest with a Board Member that's on the Land Bank. We need to take a look at Mike Leslies contract and Office positions. Hill/Buller met with CPA's and no one knows what it was about.

Myers-Malone- None.

Hill- Supervisor is responsible to inform the Board on the budget and is in charge off all departments except for the Clerk and Treasurer. If people have a problem with my style of management, they need to send an e-mail or text. We just signed the agreement to be civil to each other, and then Board Members make up charges that are un-provable.

Myers- None.

Buller- Consolidated Dispatch Authority monies to decrease almost \$10k. Buller stated he is the AMSA Representative for the Township. Buller stated (in response to public comments) that what he is doing by holding the Title of Trustee and working as the Townships Building and Mechanical Inspector is Legal because of the size of the Township. The information that is being passed on incorrectly by the same people and he's okay with it because of all of his supporters. Congratulated Tracy on baby boy.

Gunning- People need to get out and go to the Road Meetings and ask questions. We want to do what the public wants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19-01-09 by Gunning/Myers-Malone to Adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*