

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
January 12th, 2017

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. on Thursday December 8th, 2016. 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, Talbot, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 17-01-01 by Brown/ Gunning to approve consent Agenda as printed by Tracy Myers- Malone

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 17-01-02 by Brown/ Gunning to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

receive and file the monthly treasurer's report with balances on hand as of: December 31st, 2016.

General Fund	\$910,911.92
SW Emmett Sewer/ Water	\$206,276.94
Sanitation Fund	\$312,506.67
Project V Sewer Fund	\$(118,497.89)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$30,014.23
Public Safety Fund	\$(221,652.54)
Public Safety Extra	\$181,020.91
Beadle Lake Weed	\$12,308.82

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

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 17-01-03 by Gunning/ Talbot to except the Check Register as printed.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts/ opinions about the Revenue Sharing board.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- Going to new officials training and QVF training and working on our “not well” budget getting it under control.

Treasurer, Diane Talbot- Collecting taxes, people upset about small fee for credit cards, but like the benefits of paying with card, stated she was getting calls from upset residents about a recent hiring of the property appraiser and talking about a recall. She made clear Myers-Malone, clerk and herself had no part of the hiring that took place while Mike was on vacation because we do NOT want to be part of a recall if something was to come up.

Planning and Zoning Business- NONE

Assessing-

Leslie gave his condolences to Phil Dadow family

Leslie- Asked the Board to re-appoint the Board of Review Members currently in office.

Motion 17-01-04 by Myers- Malone/Gunning to keep Bob Buckner, John Sackrider and Andy Sims. Alternate: Carl Okon.

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

Dougherty- Member that is on the board was a part of the 2010 recall.
Brown- Not open to the public

PUBLIC SAFETY-

December 2016 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	737	766
Arrests:	23	17
Citations Issued:	35	25
Medicals:	57	63
Fires:	3	5
All other Fire Calls:	62	46

The week after Thanksgiving and the month of December is always a busy time for the Department of Public Safety. Black Friday attracts numerous shoppers to Harper Village and we have always been available to enforce parking violations and ensure the safety of all. We followed that with a very successful Shop with a Cop event on December 10, 2016 serving 75 kids from Calhoun County. Officers also investigated a number of criminal events and 53 traffic crashes during the month due to snow and slick roads.

Fire continues to be busy with medicals and our on-going training. I cannot thank our part-paid fire fighters enough for their dedication to our township. They perform a very difficult job under very adverse conditions and receive little compensation for their life-threatening efforts. Officers responded to another “high-wind” event as

we had numerous trees and power lines down throughout the Township. They also responded to a large number of reported “unknown traffic crashes” throughout the Township with a lot of them reported on I-94. This is an extremely dangerous road in slippery conditions due to the speeds travelled on that highway.

Chief Mike Olson
Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

Motion 17-01-05 by Brown/ Gunning to let Emmett Charter Township employees donate sick time to Clark Lawson for up to 36 hours/ week. Employees interested please e-mail Trish Stone.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

Amend Resolution T16-29 to and add fee schedule for water/ sewer rates for clarity.

Motion 17-01-06 by Dougherty/Brown to amend resolution T16-29 and add fee schedule for water/ sewer rates.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T17-01, Hiring Process

Motion 17-01-07 by Gunning/ Talbot to amend to the personnel policy and add to the new policy. Effective Immediately.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident asked the board about the recent hire that took place without board approval. Asked if a property appraiser should have prior experience. Hill directed Leslie to explain his situation. Leslie explained that it was a re-hire and since the board already approved the position to be filled it was his duty to get someone ASAP. The hire has accounting background which Leslie stated was a good start, but he will be trained by Leslie. Resident was heated about not acquiring candidates with proper experience.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- Question/ Clarification for Chief on the check register for the emergency purchase of tires.

Dougherty- Condolences for Phil Dadow- He was a great guy and did a lot for our community. Outsourcing public safety needs to be looked into more and comparing apples to apples, because we can't rebuild what we tear down. Paul Anderson, Code Compliance resigned which was a loss for the township. He brought in over \$4,000 in profits. Glad we added a resolution for the hiring process. We need to get our personnel policy passed by the board because Emmett Charter Township is an equal opportunity employer.

Gunning- No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-01-10 by Gunning/ Brown at 7:30 p.m.
Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers- Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*