

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
July 13, 2017

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday July 13, 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, Brown, Gunning, Talbot, Buller, and Hill
Excused: Myers- Malone

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 17-07-01 by Brown/Gunning to approve Agenda as printed by Tracy Myers- Malone, with corrections to Employee Handbook on Pages 15 & 25 and also the addition of Purchase Order Approvals under New Business.

Voice Vote; Myers-Malone Excused

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 17-07-02 by Gunning/Buller to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote; Myers-Malone Excused

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: June 30th.

General Fund	\$1,641,436.80
SW Emmett Sewer/ Water	\$1,093,630.40
Sanitation Fund	\$408,394.16
Project V Sewer Fund	\$0
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$10,318.63
Public Safety Fund	\$111,811.38
Public Safety Extra	\$632,012.88
Beadle Lake Weed	\$10,952.20
Economic Development Corp.	\$10,000.00

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

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 17-07-03 by Talbot/Dougherty to except the Check Register as printed.

Voice Vote; Myers-Malone Excused

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- brought to the Board’s attention for consideration the newly approved (6/1/2017) Calhoun County Board of Commissioners Policy No. 59 with subject of Local Road Improvement Funding Program. Hill stated that the Board will need to decided further impacts for the Township. Buller questioned if this Policy would require a 70% Township match on local roads, Hill confirmed yes. (Full copies of the Policy can be found at: www.calhouncountymi.gov)

Hill also had follow-up on the Library Millage in perpetuity, stating that a Township cannot question the revocation of such a millage, however a State Representative can and that he is currently working on this.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- None

Treasure, Diane Talbot- Summer Tax Bills were mailed out July 1, 2017. The Township is open for collecting payments Monday through Thursday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from payment, if you have not received your tax bill please contact the office.

Planning and Zoning – Deshon had three items that she brought to the Board’s attention to entertain motions to approve.

1. Seeking the approval of the RV Ordinance as written and submitted to The Board by The Emmett Township Planning Commission.

Motion 17-07-04 by Gunning/Dougherty to adopt The RV Ordinance as written and submitted to The Board by The Emmett Township Planning Commission.

Yes: Gunning, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Brown and Hill

**6 YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Absent/Excused: Myers Malone

2. Seeking a motion to approve the re-zoning of Low Density Residential & Rural Residential to Regional Commercial for the address of 13233 6-1/2 Mile Road, parcel number 13-10-030-011-00.

Motion 17-07-05 by Buller/Gunning to approve the re-zoning of Low Density Residential & Rural Residential to Regional Commercial for the address of 13233 6-1/2 Mile Road, parcel number 13-10-030-011-00.

Yes: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning and Hill

**6 YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Absent/Excused: Myers Malone

3. Seeking a motion to approve The Conditional Use for the purposes of a Wood Working Shop located at 1315 E. Columbia Avenue, parcel number 13-10-030-011-00

Motion 17-07-06 by Dougherty/Buller to approve The Conditional Use for the purposes of a Wood Working Shop located at 1315 E. Columbia Avenue, parcel number 13-10-030-011-00.

Yes: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning and Hill

**6 YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Absent/Excused: Myers Malone

Assessing – stated that the Township had just passed the Assessing’s 14 Point Review.

PUBLIC SAFETY -June 2017 Synopsis

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

	June	May
Complaints/Calls for Service:	902	833
Arrests:	23	28
Citations Issued:	54	59
Accidents:	23	34
Medicals:	63	61
Fires:	8	7
All other Calls:	31	26

Public Safety Officers remain busy investigating a number of significant complaints that could have had serious implications for the welfare of our officers. Officers have made arrests on those complaints that start out as reports of domestic violence. In one case, officers encountered a subject that appeared to be involved in some kind of mind-altering drug and he fought them for a long time. Our officers had to rely on help from outside assistance to finally subdue the subject. Many of the complaints either involve or reportedly involve the use of weapons.

Fire continues to be busy with medicals and fire-fighting. We continue training our new personnel and should soon be adding two of the fire fighters already hired to our station staff and this is going to be a big help. Our department continues to provide an excellent service to the community. We had two structure fires in the Township that experienced limited damage due to the aggressive and professional response.

OLD BUSINESS-

Cemetery Fence – Teresa Myers presented to The Board the quotes on the three bids for fencing at Newbre Cemetery. Trustee Buller had several questions regarding specifics of quotes. At Trustee Buller’s request subject was tabled.

Personnel Policy – A couple minor corrections:

1. Under category “Paid Vacation Time” on page 15 of Emmett Township Employee Handbook add in sentence at conclusion of first paragraph: Unless approved by Township Supervisor.
2. Under Smoking Policy on page 25 strike the final sentence: Any employee who smokes on Township property or in Township vehicles must properly dispose of any litter or debris cause by his/her smoking.
This caused confusion on smoking being prohibited in vehicles.

Motion 17-07-07 by Talbot/Brown to adopt The Emmett Township Employee Handbook as printed with above changes.

Yes: Talbot, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Buller and Hill (qualified)

6 YES

Qualified: Hill this has been 5 years in the making and glad it is done

MOTION CARRIED

Absent/Excused: Myers Malone

Marijuana Ordinance – Hill presented to The Board a printed handout prepared by John H. Macfarlane that contained a draft copy of: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A (ZONING) OF THE EMMETT CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE IN ORDER TO REGULATE AND LICENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES UNDER THE AUHTORITY OF THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES LICENSING ACT, MCLA 33.27101, et seg., AND TO OTHERWISE PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE then opened topic up for discussion. Jen Zielinski, Partner at Dunaskiss Consulting & Development Inc. presented to The Board a brief overview of the current laws in regards to Medical Marijuana. There was much discussion and questions all answered by Jen Zielinski.

Motion 17-07-08 by Dougherty/Brown to start the process of adopting AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A (ZONING) OF THE EMMETT CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE IN ORDER TO REGULATE AND LICENSE MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES UNDER THE AUHTORITY OF THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES LICENSING ACT, MCLA 33.27101, et seg., AND TO OTHERWISE PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE

Yes: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Buller (qualified), Talbot and Hill

6 YES

Qualified: Buller wants to take a hard look before we set in stone

MOTION CARRIED

Absent/Excused: Myers Malone

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS- none

NEW BUSINESS-

Purchas Order Approvals

17-4672 to Floorgear Unlimited in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the purchase of a fire bay floor scrubber.

17-4679 to Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$36,550.00 for the purchase of a new Hurst Edraulic Extrication Tools (Jaws.)

Motion 17-07-09 by Dougherty/Brown to approve purchase orders 17-4672 and 17-4679.

Voice Vote; Myers-Malone Excused

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

There were public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- none

Dougherty- none

Buller- wanted to know when The Emmett Township Wage Committee was meeting again, it was answered August 10, 2017.

Gunning- none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-07-10 by Buller/Dougherty at 6:50 p.m.

Voice Vote: Myers-Malone excused

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Trish Stone, Deputy Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*