Charter Township of Emmett

Regular Board Meeting

July 12th, 2018

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Board Member Attendance---*Action Item*

IV. Approval of Agenda---*Action Item*

V. Consent agenda---*Action Item*

Motion to Approve Without discussion

Approve minutes from the regular board meeting 6/14/2018 as printed by Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk

Receive and file the monthly Treasurer's report with balances on hand as of: June 30, 2018.

General fund	$2,798,049.34
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	$657,989.79
Sanitation fund	$688,977.60
Project V Sewer fund	$(117,648.27)
Drug forfeiture Fund	$13,546.84
Public Safety fund	$(449,455.82)
Public Safety Extra	$519,418.37)
Beadle Lake weed	$7.356.84
Economic Dev. Corp	$4,594.96

The Monthly departmental reports, planning commission, and zoning board of appeals minutes, as printed. Attached in back if there are any:

Simple Motions

VI. Monthly check Register---*Action Item*

VII. Departmental Verbal Reports

a. Supervisor-

b. Clerk-

c. Treasurer-

VIII. Planning and Zoning:

1.) Don Gray- to rezone 13-10-017-012-00 from Medium Density residential to General Commercial

2.) Amendment to allow New and Used Car Sales and Service as a Conditional Use.
3.) Amendment to allow Gasoline Service Station and Automobile Repair Facility, Including Auto Body Shops and Painting Booths, so long as located within a fully enclosed Structure and meeting all requirements and Regulations pertaining to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

4.) Possible Lawns Mowing's.
5.) Medical Marihuana Conditional Use and Site Plan Review

IX. Assessing:

X. Public Safety:

June 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		Previous Month:
Complaints/Calls for Service:	**816**	**897**
Arrests:	**23**	**31**
Citations Issued:	**86**	**88**
Accidents	**27**	**36**
Medicals:	**80**	**84**
Fires:	**5**	**5**
All other Fire Calls:	**26**	**30**

Warm weather has arrived and we are seeing a steady stream of calls for service. We have our usual calls for break-ins and larcenies, but we are also seeing more serious and life-threatening calls for service. This month we investigated a stabbing, an armed robbery and a shooting. Along with those, we had a string of larcenies from vehicles and I have to encourage everyone to take their valuables out of their cars at night and lock them.

We had another extraordinarily busy month. We responded to five fires, 80 medicals and 26 other calls for service. The Department also submitted a grant from the Kalamazoo River Community Recreational Foundation and Enbridge for a multi-purpose off-road vehicle. It is a vehicle equipped to fight grass fires that are off-road and it also has the ability to carry patients on a stokes (stretcher) from confined areas or areas that are not accessible by emergency vehicles. We hope to hear something in late July.

Chief Mike Olson

XI. Old Business---*Action Item*

XII. Resolutions and Proclamations—*Action Item*

XIII. New Business---Action Item

XIV. Public Comments---(3 min)

Comments are to be directed to the Township Board. Persons who wish to make comments must be recognized by the meeting chairperson and are asked to speak from the podium. Comments are not limited to a single subject but are limited to three (3) minutes total. The meeting chairperson can further limit time if the comments become redundant.

XV. Board Member Comments

Brown-

Dougherty-

Myers-Malone-

Hill-

Myers-

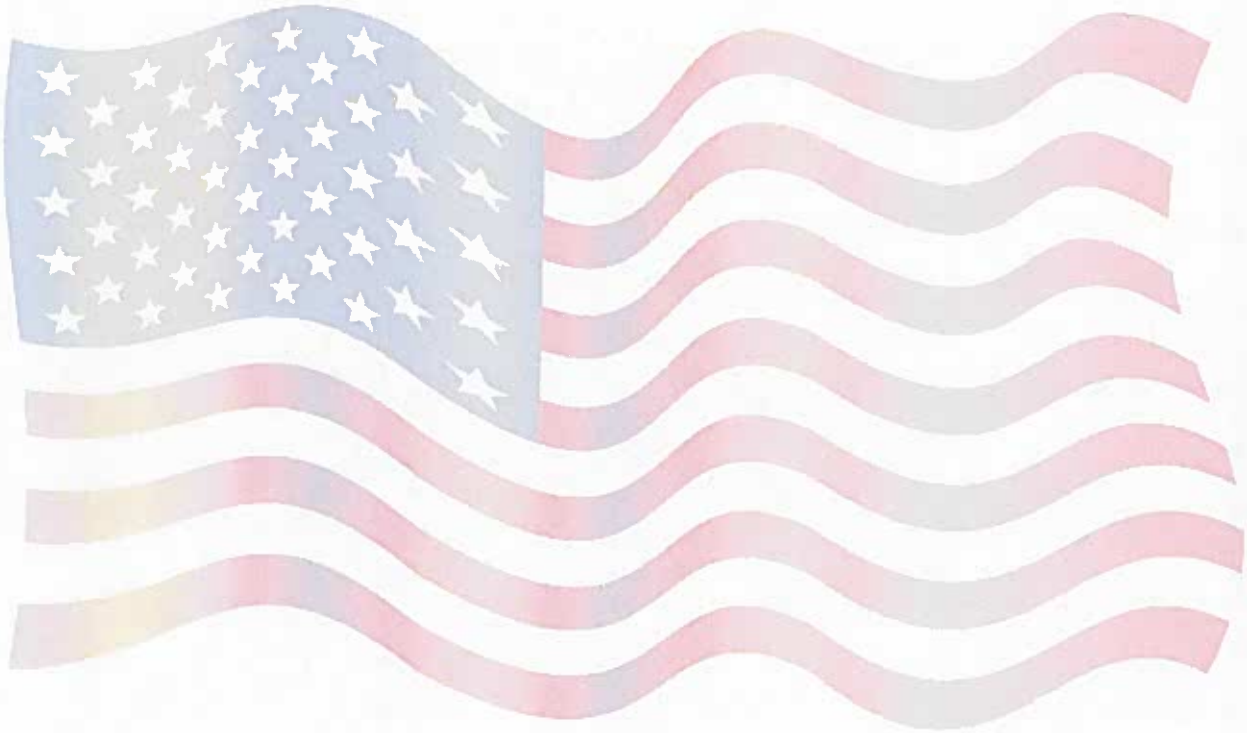
Buller-

Gunning-

XVI. Adjournment-*Action Item*

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township



Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2018

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday June 14, 2018. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014. FLAG DAY Ceremony was presented by Scouts Troop #344 from Ceresco; Leader Chris Rau. Presentation was made by Historian; Jim Mead. The pledge of allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

Dougherty, Brown, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone and Hill **QUORUM PRESENT**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 18-06-01 by Buller/Gunning to approve Agenda.
Roll Call Vote: Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Buller, Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-
Motion 18-06-02 by Gunning/Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.
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	$ 2,769,660.58
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	$ 657,292.55
Sanitation fund	$ 648,398.11
Project V Sewer fund	($ 117,398.27)
Drug forfeiture Fund	$ 18,122.44
Public Safety fund	($ 266,396.89)
Public Safety Extra	$ 525,457.32
Beadle Lake weed	$ 12,514.84
Econ Dev. Corp.	$ 4,594.96

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 18-06-03 by Myers-Malone/Myers 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- Read aloud statement from Battle Creek City warning for water; excess of manganese. Bottled water available in the fire bays.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- If you haven't already, go check out our Cemetery Signs from Sign World Concepts at Sandstone, Newbre, and Ceresco. Absent voter applications for permanent absent voters have been sent out. Please stop up to the office if you would like to vote an absent voter ballot. Ballots for the August 7th election have been proofed and are at the printers! If your interested in working an election please come see us at the office as there is an election accreditation training for inspectors on July 12 (a morning session at 9:30 and afternoon session at 1:30) at the Marshall United Methodist Church on US-27 put on by the County. Reminder for the August Primary; You can ONLY vote one party. Visit Fosters Strawberries & TNT Fireworks!

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers- Been doing really well with collecting delinquent personal property taxes and getting organized to start summer Taxes which will be mailed out July 1st.

Planning and Zoning Business-
Discussion on the Zoning Ordinance for Medical Marijuana. Resident voiced opinion on "how the crow flies" method vs liquor commission method for measuring distance. Attorneys from Medical Marijuana companies also voices their opinion to allow the liquor commission method. Majority agreed that it would be better to have a standard method of measuring for everyone.

Motion 18-06-04 by Brown/Dougherty to amend the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance to concur with the state liquor commission for distances from churches and schools.
Roll Call Vote: Myers-Malone, Buller, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

QUALIFIED:
Dougherty- Wants everyone to realize that 500 feet is the size of two football fields.

Great Lakes Holistic- 1210 East Columbia Avenue; Parcel # 10-080-008-00. Attorney Leach spoke about conditional use approval. Great Lakes Holistic has submitted their Phase 1 to LARA and now they are just waiting for approval.

Motion 18-06-05 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve 1210 East Columbia Avenue for Conditional Use; to move approval pending a complete site plan review by the Township officials that confirms that all Township ordinance requirements have been met and shown on the site plan. Before the business can open they must have all licensing requirements met by the State and the Township. Public Safety has the right to do local checks and visit home area to talk with neighbors and associates.
Roll Call Vote: Myers-Malone, Buller, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Oasis Wellness Center- 1200 East Columbia Avenue, Parcel # 10-080-009-00. This company is backed by Wild Bills Tobacco and will be ran with the same honesty and integrity of Wild Bills Tobacco. One entrance and exit for security of patients. Dougherty asked them to use local labor if at all possible. Myers asked about the building being split with the Treasure Keepers as well as if the car detailing business will still remain. Attorney answered that they are not here to put anyone out of business and didn't know about the car detailing business.

Motion 18-06-06 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve 1200 East Columbia Avenue for Conditional Use; to move approval pending a complete site plan review by the Township officials that confirms that all Township ordinance requirements have been met and shown on the site plan. Before the business can open they must have all licensing requirements met by the State and the Township. Public Safety has the right to do local checks and visit home area to talk with neighbors and associates.
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Myers, Dougherty, Myers-Malone Brown, Gunning, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Assessing-
Will bring back the phone system for next month because of all the problems that he's been receiving with calls and voicemails.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

May 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		Previous Month:
Complaints/Calls for Service:	**897**	**677**
Arrests:	**31**	**25**
Citations Issued:	**88**	**65**
Accidents	**36**	**21**
Medicals:	**84**	**80**
Fires:	**5**	**11**
All other Fire Calls:	**30**	**30**

We had two more reported school threats over the past month. Our School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) conducted threat assessments on both incidents and fortunately, neither materialized. The S.R.O. determined that they were not credible and the matter was turned over to school administration for further action.

We had another extraordinarily busy month. We responded to five fires, 84 medicals and 30 other calls for service. We utilized our water rescue boat on the river for four separate incidents and it proved invaluable. We are seeing a large increase of activity on the river and I urge everyone to be sure they are wearing the appropriate flotation devices to ensure safe boating.

Planning & Zoning-
Motion 18-06-07 by Buller/ Myers to approve 2250 Hollison for lawn mowing not to exceed $150.
Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 18-06-08 by Brown/Buller to accept Brandi Deshons recommendation of Steve Titus for Planning Commission Member.
Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, Myers, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS- None.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

Motion 18-06-09 by Buller/Gunning to approve Resolution T18-07, Water & Sewer rates 2018-2020.
Roll Call Vote: Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, Myers, Dougherty& Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 18-06-10 by Dougherty/Brown to approve funding ($2k MAX) for Trish Stone to use Siegfried & Crandall to help with the NEW Chart Of Accounts.
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 18-06-11 by Brown/Dougherty to allow the Treasurer to create a Summer Newsletter (Including all Departments) that will go out with the tax bills on July 1st.
Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Myers-Malone, Gunning, Buller and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 18-06-12 by Buller/Brown to approve Facebook page for the Administration side. (Electronic Bulletin Board).
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, and Hill **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident asking about sewer for Wheatfield Rd?
Resident asked Buller about issuing an appearance ticket for court. Told him as a Building Inspector he couldn't issue those types of tickets, that they have to be by a police officer.
Resident pleased about the boat for Public Safety and also spoke about medical marijuana. Thanked the Board for having an open mind.
Resident commented about living in Emmett Township and using local labor. Thanked the Board for Holistic measure.
Resident thanked Steve for help getting a hole filled in.
Resident Thanked Chief for helping with semi problem on Golden Avenue; He also commented on how the Supervisor aired dirty laundry on the radio and asked for recall of four Board members. This resident was upset that the Supervisor wasn't being a leader for the community and asked him to resign if he couldn't handle the job.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- Wanted to know why Hill did not let any of the front office know he was going to be out for two weeks for surgery. We need better communication among staff.

Dougherty- Spoke about Medical Marijuana and wanting to retain the integrity of the community, as a disabled veteran he hopes this helps others and gives patients another option for relief. Please run for Office! Its not an easy job, but the give back to the community is such a reward. Spoke about problem with Semis running down Wattles Rd. Also spoke about issues to work out with Tim (no staff meetings or communication).

Myers-Malone- Thanked Jim Mead and Troop #344 from Ceresco for the great Flag Ceremony Presentation. Have a wonderful and safe 4th of July!

Hill- Appreciates comments but states they are misguided. Hates being chastised for it. He has a ton of meetings through town. Communication and respect are a two-way street.

Myers- Thanked Jim Mead and Troop #344 for the wonderful Flag Ceremony. Hopes that communication can open up and tough decisions can be made to improve the Township. Happy 4th of July!

Buller- Thanked Jim Mead for the Flag Ceremony. Thanked Janet for opening up the wood shop on Columbia Avenue, if you get a chance stop down and check out her creations!

Gunning- Answered question for Medical Marijuana, how many are you going to allow? The strong will survive. Look at how many gas stations we used to have at every highway exit and how they dwindled down. Forget about the past, this is the future. This is new and it's for medical use.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion 18-06-13 to Adjourn at 6:58 p.m.
Voice Vote

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

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