

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2016**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday July 14, 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 MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 16-07-02 by Jacox/ Gunning to approve the July 14, 2016 Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers.

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 16-07-03 by Jacox/ Talbot to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: June 30, 2016

General Fund	\$	1,620,610.63
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$	220,103.62
Sanitation Fund	\$	309,596.51
Project V Sewer Fund	\$	(6,897.83)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$	40,043.23
Public Safety Fund	\$	(58,187.69)
Public Safety Extra	\$	489,769.05
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$	18,059.30

The Monthly Departmental Report:

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

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

Motion to acknowledge the enforcement of Article III, Noxious Weeds, and to authorize The Township Treasurer to place a Tax Lien against the following to include an additional \$25.00 Administrative Fee:

PROPERTIES:	OWNERS	COST
324 Electric Avenue	William E. Shields	\$ 92.50 + \$ 25.00 = \$117.25
307 Aberdeen	Sidney J. & Lori Keeler	\$ 113.13 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 136.13
2623 Kistler Road	Timothy R Gunning SR Trust	\$47.63 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 72.63
17 Bradford Street	Darrin & Cindy Sword	\$47.63 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 72.63
18 Bradford Street	Elaine J. Hunsicker	\$ 63.50 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 88.50
329 Vass Avenue	James H. DeBruine ET AL	\$ 127.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$152.00
109 Kimball Avenue	John E. Ermel ET UX	\$ 190.50 + \$ 25.00 = \$215.50
46 W. Alden Avenue	John & Donna Mouser	\$ 127.00 + \$ 25.00 = \$152.00
13052 9 Mile Road	Ronald E. & Donna Hart	\$ 190.50 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 215.50
8337 E Drive North	Vickie Jones	\$ 92.25 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 117.25
14684 Petal Lane	Richard Des Voignes	\$ 47.63 + \$ 25.00 = \$ 72.63

Motion 16-07-05 by Buller / Gunning to table until a budget workshop on July 27th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – To be announced meeting times are @ 5:30 p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – To be Announced
- Next Township Board Meeting –August 11, 2016 @ 5:30p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 16-07-06 by Talbot/Buller to accept the Check Register as printed.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, and Hill

ALL YES

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill gave the floor to Myers whom then read a letter from David E. Gilbert, Prosecuting Attorney for Calhoun County. In summary letter was the denial of a warrant request by Dean Rumsey for complaints against Timothy Hill, Teresa Myers, and Diane Talbot. Letter attached at the back.

Clerk

Myers – Very busy getting ready for the upcoming August 2, 2016 Election; we just sent out election letters to all our workers to let them know what precinct they would be working in. We have also been receiving a lot of request for absent voter ballots. Please remember to vote on August 2, 2016.

Treasurer

Talbot –The allegation issues regarding Robert Dean Rumsey was very upsetting for her and her husband who has lived in Emmett his entire life, they are so glad it's finally put to rest.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon – Nothing at this time

Assessing

Leslie – commented that Shirley Hughes will be retiring on November 26, 2016 and that he will be looking at applicants until Wednesday November 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Leslie commented that he had a couple of applicants already and would like the Board's approval to move forward with whomever he feels will do the best job starting pay will be \$12.00.

Motion 16-07-07 by Dougherty / Buller to let Mike Leslie move forward with a new employee of his choice after 4p.m. on Wednesday 20, 2016 with the approval of four Board Members signature.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson –Stated that it’s been another busy month and continued to go over his monthly report. Olson talked about the Board having a time frame for Fireworks to end at night; he recommended around midnight or one a.m. however he is doing some investigating to see what time frame other Municipalities have. Olson stated that they are still dealing with staffing issues and is down to one part-time person. With that said, Olson commented on this being tough times for Law Enforcement with losing the five officers in Dallas and also the Berrien County shooting; getting people to apply into law enforcement is very difficult. Former Officer Estree charged in Kalamazoo is now serving his time. Olson stated that Public Safety applied for a grant for a rescue boat and received it thanks to Enbridge. Lastly we have had nothing for our Officers for riot protection and on Tuesday 9-13-2016 we were able to obtain helmets for our Officers at no cost to us.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PO’s -

None

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dynamix Complete Property Maintenance – Clean up on west side of building to property line with an estimate of \$2,100.00 this is for all brush and trees that need to come out stumps will be ground down.

Motion 16-07-08 by Dougherty / Talbot to approve the clean up on the west side of the building by Dynamix Complete Property Maintenance for a cost of \$2,100.00.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Adobe PDF – Board agreed to table this until further information was available.

Motion 16-07-09 by Buller / Gunning to table the Adobe program until next time.

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident on Hoyt and Wyncrest wanted to know if the vote passed on August 2, 2016 would they still pay the petitioned amount or would it be dissolved if the milage passes. Hill and Leslie stated that if the road milage doesn't pass then they will pay however they had it set up before, if it does pass then the district will be dissolved.

Resident on sewer issue in Wattles Park area and how bad it used to be and is so glad that the Board along with CEI got the problem fixed; there is now no smell.

Resident, Bing Robinson, introduced himself as running for Water Resource Commissioner and would like to thank all of Emmett Township as he has been doing some campaigning in the Township.

Resident at 10992 I Drive North on hardship for a building permit to either repair or remove the garage would like the Board to waive the Administrative fee in which Mr. Buller stated that he was going to waive his fee.

Motion 16-07-10 by Buller/ Talbot to waive Administrative Fee

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Resident voting no on Road Repair Millage and stating that the County created this mess let them fix it. Buller and Resident had a discussion on the road issue.

Resident on Grenville as not being on the Road list to be paved.

Resident on Council Crest Circle stated that semis are flying down E Drive North hauling dozers and lots of other heavy stuff tearing up the roads and that it starts at 7 a.m. he also said that the speed limit is 35 miles an hour and that they are traveling a lot faster than that.

Richard Brown on Eleven Mile Road asked about a radar be set up because people are flying down his road also. Richard Brown introduced himself as running for Emmett Township Trustee.

Tracy Myers introduced herself as running for Emmett Township Clerk and stated that she was voting no on the road millage.

Resident on being just down the road from Tracy Myers stated she would also be voting no.

Resident on getting roads done first said it should be oldest to newest however he feels like it's always the rich people's roads that seem to come first and the poor people come second.

Lots of residents with complaints on the road millage.

Resident had a positive approach on getting roads done and stated that if we don't work on this now it won't happen at all.

Resident on Beachside Drive said that they were told the wrong price and that there was a communication problem.

Several more residents with comments on the road millage; there was much discussion with all Board Members and all residents on this Road Repair Millage on August 2, 2016 vote.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Gunning – commented on speeding on Crosby Drive years ago and that they set up radar and almost 50% of the residents lived on Crosby Drive. Also asked residents to get out and VOTE August 2, 2016.

Buller- Appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

Myers – question for Christopher Bolt on Division Drive being fixed like they said they would originally do along with a warranty on the road. Mr. Bolt stated that they would stand behind the work done on Division Drive and make it right.

Hill – Glad to see more people at the meeting even if some of it was negative, people need to voice their opinions.

Talbot – Remember to VOTE even if you vote for my opponent you need to vote.

Dougherty – Glad to see everyone then commented on the interest rates being the lowest on materials for the roads and if we don't pass this now nothing will happen to our roads. Also commented on the Water and Sewer Board being cleared and that everyone here at the Township is under paid, they were under paid when I was Supervisor. Sewer issues are something that we will have to deal with all the time, hence the compensation that was given to the three, he hopes that everyone understands. They earn the compensations that they get they all have done a great job.

Jacox – Apologized about his temperament then talked about pot hole tag and going around the pot holes to miss the holes then hit someone and how bad that someone would feel if that happen because our roads didn't get fixed. Congratulated the Chief on their grant for the new rescue boat and told them that if they needed any help in training on the boat to contact Enbridge.

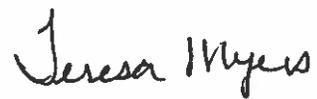
ADJOURNMENT

Motion 16-07-11 by Hill at 7:35 p.m.

Voice Vote:

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Myers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township