

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
July 12, 2018

In the absence of the Supervisor, Clerk Myers-Malone made a motion to appoint Pat Dougherty as the chair of the meeting.

Motion 18-07-01 by Myers-Malone/Brown to appoint Pat Dougherty as chair of tonight's meeting in Tim's absence.

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

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Excused- Hill

Pat Dougherty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday July 12, 2018. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

Dougherty, Brown, Buller, Gunning, Myers, and Myers-Malone

QUORUM PRESENT

Excused- Hill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 18-07-02 by Brown/Gunning to approve Agenda by adding discussion on dissolving the wage committee, discussion on code compliance, discussion on school resource officer at HCHS, & scheduling a special meeting for roads (millage vs. special assessment).

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

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Excused- Hill

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 18-07-03 by Gunning/Brown to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Excused- Hill

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

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	(\$ 449,445.82)
Public Safety Extra	\$ 519,418.37
Beadle Lake weed	\$ 7,356.84
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 4,594.96

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 18-07-04 by Myers-Malone/Myers to accept the Check Register as printed.

Voice Vote: Brown, Gunning, Buller, Myers, Myers-Malone, & Dougherty

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Excused.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- August 7th Primary coming up very soon! Go VOTE!! Remember not to split your ticket (only vote one column). The office has been very busy training election inspectors and receiving absentee voter applications and sending out/receiving absentee voter ballots. We have over 500 absentee ballots sent out already.

Treasurer, Rachele Myers- Summer Tax collection has begun. Please remember our office hours are Monday-Thursday 7am-4:30pm. We also have a drop box out front available for your convenience.

Planning and Zoning-

Motion 18-07-05 by Gunning/Dougherty to rezone 13-10-017-012-00 from medium density residential to general commercial.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Motion 18-07-06 by Buller/Gunning to approve amendment of Ordinance #2 Section 14A03 to allow New & Used Car Sales and Service as a conditional use.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Motion 18-07-07 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve amendment of Ordinance #2 Section 14A02 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 meetings all requirements and Regulations pertaining to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Motion 18-07-08 by Buller/Gunning to approve lawn mowing's for the following addresses; 8601 E Drive North for \$225, 145 Illinois St. for \$50, & 14756 6-1/2 mile rd. for \$150. Cost will be show on tax bill.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Motion 18-07-09 by Gunning/Brown to approve 1240 E. Columbia Ave for Medical Marijuana Conditional Use & Site Plan Review.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Assessing- None.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

June 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
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.

-5 rescues on the river at the end of last month/ beginning of this month.

**Road committee TOWN HALL Meeting on July 26th at 6pm at the Township Hall. Special Assessment vs. Millage.

OLD BUSINESS-

*Code Compliance discussion, DeShon to hire part time help this fall and train over winter and have them ready for next Spring. DeShon stated she is the only one currently working on code compliance.

*Brown asked about the Old Bowling Alley materials that have been yet to be discarded. DeShon stated that Sackriders have been contacted.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-None.

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 18-07-10 by Dougherty/Myers to approve hiring of new police officer to replace 2nd school resource officer (highest seniority officer) for Harper Creek. School Board Approved.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

*****Special Meeting on July 31st at 6pm at the Township Hall for Ballot Language*****

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident thanked Chief fir using seniority for 2nd school liaison officer. Resident spoke to Board members about getting on Facebook. Know what’s going on out there. Resident sees people riding scooters down Raymond road, would like to put a sidewalk in going down Raymond Rd.

Resident stated R&R Grill is moving along and that there will be an open house on July 28th, everyone welcome. Hoping to be open by Labor Day. Come look at the place and check it out. Complimented Pat on good job running the meeting.

Resident wants to put in a new well vs. connecting to City water. 1404 E. MI Ave.- Tenants still putting money into buildings. This is a commercial property where the pit caved in. Said he could repair it but they cannot guarantee the well will last for 5 days or 5 years, which is why resident is wanting to put in a new well. New wells not authorized by ordinance for commercial property if city water is available.

Motion 18-07-11 by Dougherty/Myers to get legal counsel for 1404 E. MI Ave.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Excused- Hill

Resident spoke about XPO Logistics trucks on Golden Ave. He would like “Truck Route” signs by Rite Aide to deter them from using Golden Ave. resident also spoke about the reverse osmosis for water contamination because of high levels of Salt from the County Garage. Resident also spoke about the Willow creek Drain. He also mentioned how the County spent \$100,000 to knock down trees when Golden was re-paved. This resident bought 11 trees on his own dime to help. 986 Golden Ave.

Dougherty commented and stated that doing the right thing isn’t always easy.

Resident gave historical perspective of millage.

Resident spoke about accidents on Columbia Ave. and he would like semis to be restricted. He built his house in 1996 with no arsenic then after the oil spill Enbridge didn’t test for arsenic. Now he has contaminated water. Had to buy his own 25’ drain tile. County dug 6’ ditch. The roads in his neighborhood are in rough shape.

Resident has called the County and tried to get the street sweeper out to main street, but they never show up. This resident has helped several elderly/disabled cross the street.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- Thanked Rachelle & Tracy, He can come in anytime to have things explained. He wished Rachelle continued success. Another thing, we were told we were liars and crooks because we help get answers. I’ve learned lots. Always have good food.

Dougherty- Thanked Rachelle. She walked into an impossible position, money is tight. The County is responsible for the roads.

Myers-Malone- I want to make a clarification to all residents that have heard a rumor about the Township hiding \$2million in our “slush fund” and we have confirmed with our auditor, Steven Bryer that our books

match our accounts and we are not “hiding money”. We as a Township want to remain transparent, if you have any specific questions please stop in the office and see me, I’d be happy to help!

I also want to thank Rachele Myers for digging her feet right into the Treasurer’s position. I know that she has met a lot of people & learned more! I wish her future continued success with the Township. It’s been fun working with someone who is energetic and committed to serving our community.

Hill- Excused.

Myers- Please come to the Road Committee Town Hall meeting on July 26th at 6pm. She also stated that she was honoring her commitment to running for Treasurer to complete the 4-year term, you’ll be seeing her name on the ballot in August.

Buller- Thanked everyone that contacted him for the outpouring of support.

Gunning- Thanked gentleman for planting the trees on Golden Ave. Get out & VOTE! ☺

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 18-07-12 to Adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*