

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT**  
**Dangerous Buildings Public Hearing**  
*June 13, 2019*

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday June 13, 2019. 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-**

Brown, Myers-Malone, Hill, Myers, and Buller  
Gunning arrived at 5:06  
Dougherty arrived at 5:18

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**Dangerous Buildings:**

8337 E drive North; Permits acquired, work not completed. Demo Bids of \$11,500 & \$11,250.

924 North Raymond Road; Old gas station. Owner doesn't respond to letters, Demo Bids of \$18,750 & \$17,250.

424 Wildwood; Pulled Permit, work not completed. Bids to Fill \$2,500 & \$2,600.

8601 E drive North; Recently purchased at the Sheriff Sale, wants to wait six months until the original owner can't buy the property back for the price purchased plus interest (redemption period) which ends December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Demo Bids for the House only \$10,250 & \$8,250.

Motion 19-06-01 by Gunning/Buller to come out of Public Hearing.  
Voice Vote

**ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Regular Board Meeting**  
*June 13, 2019*

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday June 13, 2019. 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-**

Brown, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Hill

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

*Add: Resolution T19-04-Shared costs of Wastewater Treatment, Grass Mowing for Code, ICC Machine for Elections, and Go Fund Me-DPS (bomb dog). Correction from Planning & Zoning, Change 1414 East MI Ave. to 8337 E Drive North.*

Motion 19-06-02 by Brown/Myers to approve Agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-**

Motion 19-06-03 by Buller/Hill to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup> as stated by Mr. Buller.

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

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

General fund	\$ 1,937,347.15
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 677,302.80
Sanitation fund	\$ 1,475,660.71
Project V Sewer fund	(\$ 225,605.23)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$ 36,359.33
Public Safety fund	\$ 382,666.04
Public Safety Extra	\$ 692,727.45
Beadle Lake weed	\$ 11,169.44
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 6,530.58

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-**

Motion 19-06-04 by Buller/Hill to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

Motion 19-06-05 by Myers-Malone/Myers to approve the purchase order batch (19-6134, 19-6138, 19-6129, 19-6119, 19-6118, 19-6114, 19-6120, 19-6163, and 19-6164) and the attorney bill from Mumford Schubel statement number 670 dated 5/21/19.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-**

**Supervisor, Tim Hill-** Hilton H-2 is moving forward taking down more structures and apartments behind Walmart also moving along into the water/Sewer phase. The New hotel at the Casino to add 200+ jobs.

The Committee for Better Roads, Deb Belles gave report from Bond Meeting; We will be selling the Bonds for the Road repairs April of 2020, levying taxes in December 2020, Spring of 2020 will begin Phase I of the roadwork. Belles stated that she hoped Hill was briefed as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Belles thanked all of the Churches/Places of business involved that help support the passing of the Road Bond Proposal. Belles stated that the following individuals were also a key to success; Bill Lipscomb, Doug Palmiter, and Jim Cary.

**Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone-** Elections are wrapping up the May 7<sup>th</sup> election with a State Audit of precincts 2 & 4 and we passed! From the Audit we learned that because of our high absent voter count it was recommended

by the County that we invest in a high-speed scanner for an absent voter counting Board. As of right now it looks like the next election will be the Presidential Primary in March of 2020.

It is with great sadness that we lost our groundskeeper, Mark Garges. Deepest condolences to the family. Plan on seeing some information about fencing for Newbre as our perimeter fencing is dilapidated and letting in the neighbor's chickens as well as quotes for the driveways at both Cemeteries.

My deputy & I will be attending MAMC (Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks) training all of next week. I'm still working on the job descriptions for the personnel policy. We have a Quarterly budget meeting workshop on 7/10 at 9am. FLRSB Grant information available. Please call the County and download their APP to have them fill potholes.

Wished everyone a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Please remember the Fireworks ordinance that fireworks can only be discharged from 11am-11:45pm from June 29- July 5.

**Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-** The Township is gearing up to print 2019 Summer Taxes. Bills will be in the mail by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Payments can be made online by going to the Township website, at the office, or by mail. If you should mail or use the drop box at the office please make sure to include the parcel number associated with the payment. Please use the envelopes provided for you in the top draw of the drop box if you should need one. The last day to pay Summer Tax without interest is September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A 1% interest will be applied to any payments made after September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The City has indicated to CEI engineers that lift station #39 (MI Ave/RR Restaurant) is showing more corrosive signs which are an indicator of excessive sulfur emissions. The City notices such signs at their last lift station inspections. Previous years, the Township has done testing to check on sulfur levels, the City has made the recommendation to do so which would cost approximately \$5,000. This cost would be reimbursable through the LRSB since that is Michigan Ave Corridor and is a Casino related cost.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING-**

Motion 19-06-06 by Buller/Myers to table demolition of 924 North Raymond building until we can get more information on the taxes and SEV of the building (Dangerous Building).

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

Motion 19-06-07 by Gunning/Hill to table demolition of 8601 E Drive North until December 2<sup>nd</sup>, then let the owner have sixty (60) days to acquire permits and complete the demolition. (Dangerous Building).

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

Motion 19-06-08 by Brown/Myers-Malone to table filling of hole for 424 Wildwood for 60 days, if not completed by the owner by deadline then we will accept the bid of \$2,500 to fill the hole with dirt.

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

Motion 19-06-09 by Myers-Malone/Dougherty to table demolition of 8337 E Drive North for six (6) months as long as owner brings in picture updates and the Board sees progress. Owner will need to return in six (6) months.

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

Motion 19-06-10 by Gunning/Brown to approve 1770 East Columbia Avenue Site Plan and Conditional Use including conditions placed by the Planning Commission for a Grow Facility.

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

**Qualified:**

Myers (YES)- That the odor control be followed.

Motion 19-06-11 by Brown/Gunning to approve 1400 East Columbia Avenue Site Plan and Conditional Use including conditions placed by the Planning Commission for a Provisioning Center.

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

Motion 19-06-12 by Brown/Myers to approve 1028 East Michigan Avenue Site Plan and Conditional Use including conditions placed by the Planning Commission for a Provisioning Center.

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

Motion 19-06-13 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve 15530 11 Mile Road Conditional Use and Site Plan Review including conditions placed by the planning commission for a Provisioning Center.

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

Motion 19-06-14 by Myers-Malone/Buller to approve \$1,500 budget for grass mowing for Code Compliance so that they don't have to wait until the next Board meeting to mow lawns that are already too long.

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

**ASSESSING-**

Motion 19-06-15 by Dougherty/Gunning to approve Pictometry for \$7,380.29. \$4,380.29 which will come from Assessing Budget and \$3,000 which will come from Zoning Budget.

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

**Calls for Service for May 2019**

	<u>5/19</u>	4/19
<b>Complaints/ Calls for Service</b>	<b>819</b>	848
<b>Criminal Complaints</b>	<b>182</b>	177
<b>Total</b>	<b>1001</b>	1025
<b>Citations</b>	<b>93</b>	79
<b>Motor Carrier</b>	<b>40</b>	38
<b>Traffic Crashes</b>	<b>28</b>	30
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>27</b>	27
<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>130</b>	113

As you can see, we continue to be busy with investigations. We have one of our detectives off work right now after having surgery so everyone is working hard to keep caught up. We had a small increase in criminal complaints which is common with the summer months and better weather.

Training this month included UTV-Polaris training and familiarization. Many members of the department went through and completed the four-hour UTV safety class. The class was not only to assist the officers but to help minimize the liability for the Township.

Harper Creek High School had their graduation and everything went well and there did not seem to be any problems. The weather held out and it was a nice ceremony. I'd like to remind everyone mainly the students about texting and driving, being careful when attending graduation parties, and also having friends in the car can be very distracting, so drive cautiously and be alert.

The department is also considering a new K-9 used for patrol and explosives, such as bombs, guns and ammunition. One of our officers is taking the lead on this opportunity and we are going to be doing a fundraiser to assist with our K-9 program and if enough is raised we can proceed with the new explosives K-9. The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$25,000 - \$30,000. This will cover the cost of the dog, training, gear, and includes the cage and other equipment for the patrol vehicle.

I hope everyone has a great month and enjoys the warmer weather.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

Discussion from CEI- Randy Ramsey on proposed property.

Randy Ramsey's opinion is that it is a wise decision to get it while you can if it's in front of you.

Motion 19-06-16 by Myers/Gunning to move forward to purchase property 13-10-025-005-01 through the EDC for \$4,863.00.

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

**SIX YES**  
**ONE NO**

Qualified:

Dougherty (NO)- Doesn't see a plan, wants to see the costs. Doesn't meet minimum qualifications for land use to develop a sewer plant. Neighbors won't be happy, strong feedback from the public.

Myers-Malone (YES)- Went with the recommendation from the engineer, wants to see the minutes from the EDC.

Hill (YES)- The Township time after time has not been proactive, this maybe an opportunity for a sewer plant, Hill wants to not be reactive on the Board.

Myers (YES)- Would like to see the EDC minutes. Would also like to know who is the treasurer on the Board of Directors for the EDC?

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 19-06-17 by Dougherty/Brown to authorize the Supervisor to enter into contract once the contractor provides bonds and insurance certificate and meets specs to get this project moving for lift station #44. Also sign a notice of award of bid to Hoffman Bros for \$229,786.50.

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

**ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Randy Ramsey gave update on the force main cleaning.

Dave Klink thanked Rachelle and let the Board know that BC Unlimited will be helping with the film. Klink asked the Board about cop cars and logos. Starting the film production on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Klink just wanted to thank the Board for their time.

**RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS-**

Motion 19-06-18 by Myers-Malone/Myers to approve Resolution T19-04 for cost sharing of Wastewater project with Battle Creek City.

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

Jim Mead gave report on the annual library budget meeting next Wednesday at 5pm where residents can ask the Board questions about their millage.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Motion 19-06-19 by Dougherty/Hill to table amendment to Township Ordinance by limiting medical marijuana licenses approved.

Roll Call Vote: Brown, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Hill, Buller, & Gunning **SIX YES**  
Myers **ONE NO**

Qualified:

Buller (YES)- Glad were tabling and not shutting it down, we can bring it back off the table whenever we need to. Thanked Brandi and hoped she doesn't get burned out. Hope the Board realizes additional help or compensation for her time and effort.

Myers (NO)- More Board discussion is needed. Understands the other point of view, but this is an important topic that she would like to not sit for long.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 19-06-20 by Gunning/Buller to give the Treasurer, Rachelle Myers approval to start a K-9 Go Fund Me account and open up and set up a savings account for this specific program.

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

Qualified:

Dougherty (YES)- Go Fund Me has really taken off. Wants to know the time frame for the goal? Myers to report on the health of the fund.

Buller (YES)- Not Stated.

Hill (YES)- Not Stated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 19-06-21 by Dougherty/ Myers to approve purchase of this piece of equipment (ICC Machine) to move forward.

Dougherty Rescinded Original Motion

Motion 19-06-22 by Brown/Myers to table ICC machine for Elections until the next Board Meeting after the budget meeting to find funding.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Resident asked where Lee's chicken is going? Brandi stated in the Old Jim Hazel gas station. Resident Asked Pete to attend the library meeting with Jim Mead next Wednesday night and thanked Lt. Cunningham for letting her know about Murray Sweitzer passing, he meant a lot to me.

Resident asked about the large overhaul with the website? This would be a good place to start for the EDC. When is the next EDC meeting? Hill stated that she could call or e-mail him. Resident asked if EDC information can be added to Facebook events if not updated on the website. Myers responded and said absolutely as long as she was provided the information. Tim was to email Rachelle with information on the EDC dates to update the Facebook page. Resident also stated that a listing of local businesses with links on the Emmett Township website would help. This resident would also like to see minutes from the EDC.

Resident talked about library millage and how they don't need the money. Total of \$660,000 that residents need for other bills.

Resident perplexed about potholes. Pothole patching ended after the millage passed.

Myers responded that the road department has hired 16 crews to start north to south of the Township to fill potholes. Also, download the MiCCRD App on your smart phone, this will help workers and let them know where they are located.

### **BOARD COMMENTS-**

Brown- (hoped he wasn't being too personal) Asked Brandi about maternity leave, and who plans on working her department while she's off. Brandi stated that she plans on working from home and coming in a couple hours a day to make sure that the ZBA and planning commission will stay on track. Hill, Buller, and Leslie stated that they will step up and make sure things get done. Brown thanked Office girls for helping him go through the check register and answering questions he may have, as he's really studying

Dougherty- None.

Myers-Malone- Thanked the Board for the consideration of the new voting equipment needed for the AV Counting Board, hopefully we can find funding.

Hill- Thanked everyone for a good meeting. Thanked everyone for coming

Myers- Wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, appreciates the Board working on Township business. Flag day is tomorrow, so sport your flag. Brown has great questions and I appreciate him asking.

Buller- Thanked everyone, appreciates attendance. The Board room was almost full.

Gunning- Thanked everyone. Condolences to Murray Sweitzer, a good guy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 19-06-23 by Gunning/Dougherty to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township*