

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
June 8th, 2017

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday May 11th, 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, Myers- Malone, Talbot, Buller, and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 17-06-01 by Gunning/Brown to approve Agenda by moving Resolution T17-08 to before the consent agenda and MERS to the bottom of the agenda.

Voice Vote

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution T17-08 (Woodhill- Lindale)

Motion 17-06-02 by Gunning/ Talbot to approve Resolution T17-08 (Woodhill- Lindale)

Roll Call Vote.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Qualified:

Dougherty- The Board is not making this project go through, we are just making it available.

Hill- Provide the community with the opportunity to make their own decision.

10 Minute Recess

Voice Vote.

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Re-Open Session

Voice Vote.

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 17-06-03 by Talbot/ Buller to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections

Voice Vote.

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

receive and file the monthly treasurer's report with balances on hand as of: May 31st.

General Fund	\$1,695,708.37
SW Emmett Sewer/ Water	\$223,825.55
Sanitation Fund	\$437,810.76
Project V Sewer Fund	\$(118,497.90)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$10,318.63
Public Safety Fund	\$262,563.31
Public Safety Extra	\$622,962.17
Beadle Lake Weed	\$22,435.25
Economic Development Corp.	\$10,000.00

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 17-06-04 by Brown/Gunning to accept the Check Register as printed.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Gave report of the last budget meeting. Asked to have a wage committee look at the elected official's salaries.

Motion 17-06-05 by Buller/ Gunning to set up a wage committee for the elected officials. The five-member committee will be Kathy Jahr, Jesse Jacox, Kay Campbell, Loni Root, and Noreen Klink.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- Gave elections update, New voting equipment will be in to start training as early as July. New polling location for precincts 2/3/4 at Victory Life Church. Fencing quotes are coming in for Newbre cemetery. Congratulated office staff on their raises. Would like to see the personnel policy passed.

Happy 4th of July 😊

Treasurer, Diane Talbot- Getting the Go-around from Harper Creek schools and getting ready for summer taxes to go out.

Planning and Zoning Business-

Motion 17-06-06 by Brown/ Talbot to accept payment agreement from Randolph and Mary Sanford for sewer fees for the City of Battle Creek.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 17-06-07 by Brown/ Buller to amend the general commercial ordinance to allow woodworking under conditional use.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 17-06-08 by Brown/ Buller to accept the bid #1 from All Seasons landscape and maintenance for Blight.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing- None.

PUBLIC SAFETY- May 2017 Synopsis

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	902	772
Arrests:	23	23
Citations Issued:	54	30
Accidents	23	27
Medicals:	63	66
Fires:	8	6
All other Fire Calls:	31	38

I am happy to report that we just swore in one candidate and we have two more that are in the background investigation process. All three of these candidates are young and all of them have graduated from Kellogg Community College with degrees in Criminal Justice. The process is extensive and culminates with a pre-employment psychological evaluation and physical examination. With the addition of these officers it will bring our part-time staff up to four and they will be a welcome addition based upon our increased activity.

Fire continues to be busy with medicals and fire-fighting. We are stretching our personnel very thin here as well, but there is a glimmer of hope as it appears we will be adding another officer with experience from Fredonia Township.

OLD BUSINESS-

Motion 17-06-09 by Buller/ Gunning to adopt Resolution T17-06, Grant for Voting Equipment.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

Motion 17-06-10 by Gunning/ Talbot for adopting the MTA Performance Resolution for Township Government Agencies. The highest standards and traditions for Michigan Townships.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 17-06-11 by Myers-Malone/ Brown to allow Public Safety to hire a commercial motor vehicle officer part time.
Roll Call Vote.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 17-06-12 by Dougherty/ Brown to allow Public Safety to purchase 2 new patrol SUV's with all of the necessary equipment.
Roll Call Vote.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 17-06-13 by Gunning/ Talbot to adopt the MTA's recommended principles of Governance.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 17-06-14 by Gunning/ Buller to adopt MERS option 1A which gives employees a choice to either stay with their defined benefits plan or switch to the defined contributions plan. There was lots of discussion.
Roll Call Vote.

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

**6 YES
1 NO
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

There were public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- NONE.

Dougherty- NONE.

Buller- KCC class on Brownfields to obtain grants. Township liabilities/ sewer review debts. Beadle lake road damaged lift and generator.

Gunning- NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-06-15 by Buller/ Gunning at 7:51 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers- Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*