

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
March 9th, 2017

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 9th, 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.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Motion 17-03-15 by Hill/Talbot to go into public hearing
Voice Vote.

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

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

QUORUM PRESENT

Budget Workshop Date Scheduled for March 22nd, 2017 at 9a.m. in the Public Safety Training Room.
No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-03-16 by Talbot/ Buller to adjourn Public Hearing
Voice Vote.

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 17-03-17 by Hill/ Talbot to add Randy Ramsey from CEI to the Agenda before Departmental Reports.
Voice Vote.

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 17-03-18 by Gunning/ Talbot to approve the Consent Agenda.
Voice Vote.

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

receive and file the monthly treasurer's report with balances on hand as of: February 28th, 2017.

General Fund	911,504.95
SW Emmett Sewer/ Water	206,978.07
Sanitation Fund	328,582.13
Project V Sewer Fund	(118,497.90)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	29,909.23
Public Safety Fund	(20,984.98)
Public Safety Extra	198,046.17
Beadle Lake Weed	12,308.82

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

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 17-03-19 by Talbot/ Buller to except the Check Register as printed.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Randy Ramsey- CEI

Randy spoke about the different phases/ costs that will need to be upgraded to our sewer system. Phase 1B will be to take 2-90-degree elbows and change them to 4-45-degree bends (sleeve). This is ready to submit to MDOT for approval/ permit to start work. This will better our operation to add additional connections possible (band-aid for now), but it is crucial to development.

Dougherty was upset about the amount of monies being used for “over capacity”. He said, “Were not taking care of our future”. Buller then stated that it is a lesser evil to use the LRSB. Dougherty then asked about what we would do as an alternative option.

Resident upset with Tim Hill. She wanted the Board to lobby Governor Snyder. She said this is not equitable. She also stated that she was not fond of taking the monies away from 2,800 students. Another resident rebutted against the upset resident stating that we need to use that money to fix our Township. Gunning stated that the LRSB is there to reimburse costs to Municipalities.

Motion 17-03-20 by Buller/ Gunning to amend motion 14-11-07 and continue on with the Sewer Phase 1B and request funds from the LRSB for future improvements to the sewer system.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, Talbot, Brown, and Hill

SIX YES

Dougherty- **NO**

MOTION CARRIED

Qualified:

HILL- Township hasn’t had a mileage increase in 46 years and he doesn’t want to be liable for the sewer. He is trying to fix the Township, it is his fiduciary duty.

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Took time to read some names of new businesses and new jobs brought to the Township since 2012, which is approximately 320 jobs. Very proud of the direction that the Township is going. Also, he met with Ridgeway from Harper Creek about the School Board and the LRSB. Gary Lincoln is a private individual not a representative of the school.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- Agreed with Hill that we need to apply for all the monies we can get from the Casino. We were elected to take care of the Township.

Treasurer, Diane Talbot- 2016 Tax season is closed for the Township, Delinquent Taxes are now payable at the County. She will be settling with the County Monday.

Planning and Zoning Business-

Motion 17-03-21 by Hill/ Buller to let residents park U-hauls at 1061 East Michigan avenue.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 17-03-22 by Brown/ Dougherty to buy new code books for inspectors. Total of \$704

Voice Vote.

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Assessing- Thanked team members Diane, Teresa, and Steve for helping with the streetlights. They are looking great!😊

PUBLIC SAFETY-

February 2017 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

		<u>Previous Month:</u>
Complaints/Calls for Service:	645	710
Arrests:	13	24
Citations Issued:	32	33
Accidents	28	46
Medicals:	84	63
Fires:	6	4
All other Fire Calls:	24	20

February has been another challenging month for the department. Officers responded to one of the most deadly and feared calls of a Domestic Violence. A woman was feloniously assaulted by her husband, who then tried to seriously harm himself. The male was taken into custody and charged with Assault with the Intent to Commit Murder. The woman is recovering.

Fire continues to be busy with medicals and our on-going training. We responded to 6 fires during the month both in the Township and assisting Pennfield Township. I am happy to report that Clarke Lawson continues to improve at home. He has stopped by the station on a couple of occasions and he looks good.

Chief Mike Olson
Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

OLD BUSINESS-

Direction for Trish to know what line to pay for the connection fees. Diane to find line.

PURCHASE ORDERS THAT NEED APPROVAL-

Motion 17-03-23 by Brown/ Dougherty to accept Purchase Orders.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

Resolution T17-05, Adoption of the Budget 2017-2018
Motion by 17-03-24 Talbot/ Dougherty to accept the Budget as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Talbot, and Hill
Buller- Qualified NO, Dipped into fund equity last two years. This year is the last year.

**SIX YES
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS-

Knights of Columbus- Tootsie Roll Drive seeking Peddlers Permit
Motion 17-03-25 by Gunning/ Brown to accept the Peddlers Permit for the Knights of Columbus.
Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident spoke about how proud of the Board he was for sticking up for our Township instead of the money grubbing School.

Resident spoke of the 1970 Water/ Sewer assessment which was only about 1,500 to hook into and now he will have to pay 1,000% more, \$13,000 to hook up water/sewer when it should have already been there. It cost \$800 to find out wasn't there. The City waived the collecting fee. Resident asked if the Township would pay 1/2 of the hook up fee. Hill/ Buller said that they would look into the situation further and see what they can do.

Resident spoke about how the Casino is causing the problem and they aren't helping the Township. Thanked everyone for the streetlight project.

Resident (veteran) with financial setbacks is building a car port in his mobile home park and asked the board to waive the fee for the building permit. Administration fee waived and Buller also waived his fee.

Resident excited for the new restaurant "Denisios" to go into the old Rogers building on Michigan Ave.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- NONE.

Dougherty- Disappointed in the Casino with communication. Complimented Hill about bringing jobs into the Township. Nice to see a report.

Buller- Asked residents to remember the big picture. This is just a necessary evil to fix our systems. Play the cards that are dealt.

Gunning- Not against schools. LRSB to cover Emmett Township. We need to take care of us first. We are #1.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 17-03-26 by Buller/ Talbot at 6:49 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers- Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*