

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
March 8, 2018

Supervisor Tim Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday March 8, 2018. 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, Buller, Gunning, Myers, and Hill
Excused: Myers-Malone

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Motion 18-03-01 by Buller/Gunning to approve consent Agenda as printed by Tracy Myers- Malone.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Buller, Hill

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion 18-03-02 by Gunning/ Buller to approve the Consent Agenda; subject to a couple correction presented by Buller on the date of Barnes Park and the with verse without penalty on taxes collected on the 2/8 & 2/22 prior month's meeting minutes with Myers-Malone to correct.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Buller, Myers and Hill.

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

Accept & file the Treasurer's Report for balances as of February 28, 2018.

General Fund	\$1,218,623.47
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$923,740.28
Sanitation Fund	\$732,999.10
Project V Sewer Fund	(\$113,993.15)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$10,108.63
Public Safety Fund	(\$725,578.12)
Public Safety Extra	\$267,264.27
Beadle Lake Weed	\$8,067.20
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$4,594.96

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 18-03-03 by Gunning/Brown to except the Check Register as printed.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- Gave an update on the meeting a couple weeks ago in which talks were made about authorizing the attorney to look into litigation towards the Calhoun County Road Department compelling them to adhere to Public Act 51. This process is in motion. Also made mention about previous Board Meeting on February 22, 2018 in which he feels there was disrespect from one Board Member towards another. He would like to apologize to Buller for said disrespect. Hill stated that he is currently working on a Code of Conduct for all Board Members and he hopes that this will alleviate any future disrespect.

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone- None

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers- The Collection of 2017 Summer and Winter Real Property Tax is now complete. The last day to pay Real Property taxes at the Township was February 28, 2018. At this point, any outstanding Real Property Tax balance can be paid at the Calhoun County Treasurer's Office, which is located at 315 Green Street, Marshall on the lower floor. Dog Licenses have also been turned over to the County. If you should need a dog license you'll also need to go to the County Treasurer's Office to make that purchase. Myers recommends parking on Green Street, since there is still construction on the south side of the County Building, unless you'd need a handicap accessible entry, which is located on that south side entrance. Myers concluded by stating that any outstanding Business Personal Taxes can still be paid at the Township Office – hours being Monday through Thursday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Planning and Zoning Business- Deshon stated that the Township Planning Commission voted to rezone parcel number 13-10-004-008.00 located at 1015 East Emmett Street from prior zoning classification of Light Industrial to Local Commercial. Calhoun County Planning Commission also recommends approval. Trustee Gunning made comment that the County approved unanimously. There were questions from Trustee Brown on the source of water for parcel, Deshon stated the property's water would come from Pennfield Township. The owner of property spoke and presented a map of parcel and verified/answered questions on street frontage and water source.

Motion 18-03-04 by Gunning/Buller to rezone parcel number 13-10-004-008.00 located at 1015 East Emmett Street from Light Industrial to Local Commercial.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Buller, Myers, Dougherty and Hill
Brown - No

5 YES

1 NO

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

Assessing- Leslie stated that the March Board of Review is Monday March 12, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm and Tuesday March 13, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm location is the Township Meeting Room located at 621 Cliff Street Battle Creek, MI 49014.

Leslie also address the resolution T 18-02 to add a Street Light to existing Street Light District with new additional street light near 28 Crosby Drive with notification number 1038512943.

Motion 18-03-05 by Brown/Gunning to add street light near 28 Crosby Drive to existing Street Light District with notification number 1038512943.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

There was some discussion with Leslie and Board Members about LED Street Lights.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

February 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Previous</u>	
Complaints/Calls for Service:	711	879
Arrests:	16	22
Citations Issued:	64	67
Accidents	28	50
Medicals:	69	36
Fires:	6	2
All other Fire Calls:	20	22

We have policed several serious traffic crashes during the month requiring both law enforcement and fire services. Extrication was required in two of the incidents and we policed one fatal car/pedestrian accident. The fatal accident remains under investigation and early indication is the driver of the vehicle was not at fault.

Shortly after the Florida school shooting, we had an incident at the high school and it was placed on immediate lockdown. Officers scrambled to the school and subsequently to the middle school to assist with the investigation and secure each location. Quick work by our School Resource Officer and the Harper Creek School Administration identified the threat as a hoax. The student at the school is presently suspended and the school will be handling any further action. PSO Mackey has done a great job handling a number of issues at the school and I think it has been beneficial in controlling the environment.

We are also in discussion with Victory Life Church to provide an officer for their church services. They have elected to contract with the Department of Public Safety for an officer to provide security and control at the Sunday Services for an extended period of time. We will utilize off-duty officers to fulfill the contract/agreement. We will be working with other area churches to enhance their safety during their services as well.

Chief Mike Olson
Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

Lt Cunningham provided the Board the above Public Safety Report on Chief Olson’s behalf while Olson was away in training. Cunningham also gave update on the K9 fundraiser/donation in collaboration with Honor Bank for The Township’s future K9 Officer, Copper. He showed the Board the T-Shirt for the K9 fundraiser for Copper with the drawing on shirt made by Second Grader Brianna Hepler the winner of the contest. Cunningham thanked Brianna for her artwork and let everyone know the shirts are on sale at the Public Safety Department and Honor Bank with all proceeds going to the purchase of Copper, the future K9 Officer. There was discussion on a future meet and greet with the Board and Future K9 Copper.

OLD BUSINESS-

Hill address the slight tweak to 2018/19 Budget on 101-191-707.00 to be changed to \$23,178.00. Teresa Myers and Hill discussed the change.

Motion 18-03-06 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve the 2018/19 Budget with change to 101-191-707.00 with the budgeted amount now being \$23,178.00

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

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

Hill gave a brief discussion on the Code of Conduct he is working on for all Board Members, stated he would have this presented at a future Board Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-

This was covered in the Assessing Reports

NEW BUSINESS-

Teresa Myers addressed the Board about the Election Commission and explained the requirements for having one.

Motion 18-03-07 by Dougherty/Buller to appoint Myers-Malone, Myers and Brown as Emmett Township's Election Commission Members for the year 2018.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Myers-Malone

MOTION CARRIED

Buller made comment that the Budget for 2018/19 was in the black.

Hill then set the Public Hearing for the 2018/19 Budget for 5:00 pm Thursday March 22, 2018 with a Special Board Meeting to adopt and any other business to come before the Board directly afterwards at 5:30 pm location 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Superintendent of Harper Creek School System gave a synopsis of the renewal millage on the May 2018 ballot. He then answered questions from the Board and Public

Resident comment that he already thought the Board followed Roberts Rule of Order for the Board Meetings.

Resident Dan Buscher made introductions to the Board and let it be known that he was running for the open seat once Judge Norlander retires.

Calhoun County Prosecutor Gilbert address the Board and provided the Board and Residents with an update. He then addressed the Board and Public with any questions or concerns they had.

Resident stated his views on the Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance and asked the Board to keep an open mind in regards to permissible zoning classifications.

Resident address the Board in response to the February 22, 2018 Special Budget Meeting. Board responded.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- stated that he was tired of all the bickering between the Board and hopes that it can be resolved. He also asked Hill when he was in the Office because he has been coming in at various times to see him and he hasn't been there. Hill responded: he has meetings.

Dougherty- Address the resident in response to the February 22, 2018 Special Budget Meeting. Dougherty apologized to Buller. Dougherty stated that he cares deeply for the Township.

Gunning- Wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day

Buller- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 18-03-08 to Adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Trish Stone, Deputy Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*