

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2019

In the Supervisors absence;

Motion 19-11-01 by Brown/Dougherty to appoint Treasurer Rachele Myers chair of the meeting.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Rachele Myers called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 14, 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, Myers, Myers-Malone, & Dougherty

QUORUM PRESENT

Excused- Supervisor Hill & Trustee Gunning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Lighting in the front desk area Remove: Tom Dederian- Closed Session & line items for Medical Marihuana to be approved. Move: CEI- Randy Ramsey Update/Action to under Supervisors Report.

Motion 19-11-02 by Myers-Malone/Dougherty to approve the Agenda with Additions/Subtractions.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-03 by Buller/Brown to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes to have the Public Hearing Minutes Separate from Regular Board Meeting.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-04 by Dougherty/Brown to approve the monthly Check Register.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill-

CEI Update from Randy Ramsey (see attachment)

Motion 19-11-05 by Myers-Malone/Dougherty to move forward with Phase III.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone-

Elections-

We are in need of inspectors for the March 10th Presidential Primary (2020) that we are starting to prepare for as well as setting up a 2-Year Certification Training on February 25th at the Kellogg Arena. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in your community this is a great way to meet new people and make some extra money. The ICC machine has arrived and is set-up! If you haven't signed up to be on our permanent absent voter list please consider it; come into the office to sign up or visit the website, www.emmett.org and follow the tabs; Township Government → Clerks Office → Elections Information → Permanent Absent Voter List.

Cemetery-

Cemeteries are ready for Winter decorations.

General-

Next month we will be doing a soft run of the new agenda software (iCompass) before rolling out to the public in 2020. Read Resignation letter from JoAnn Kloack (attached).

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-

Real busy preparing winter taxes, they will be in the mail real soon. Mike, Linda, and I have been working really hard to get these in the mail by December 1st.

PLANNING & ZONING-

Motion 19-11-06 by Dougherty/Brown to reappoint planning commission members Kevin Sackrider and Al Miller for another year as well as reappoint Zoning Board of Appeals member Sid Adams for another year.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-07 by Dougherty/Brown to approve 1028 East Michigan Avenue (Quality Roots) for a processing Center to exclude hazardous/combustible materials on premises.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-08 by Dougherty/Brown to approve 2000 East Columbia Avenue for a Provision Center.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Buller, & Brown

FOUR YES

Myers-Malone

ONE NO

Excused: Hill & Gunning

Qualified:

Myers (YES)- Passed the planning Commission and meets the Ordinance.

Buller (YES)- Needed the public attendance long ago- don't quit coming now. We are working on our ordinance, there is discussion on capping. Things are in the works to limit as it's on the agenda tonight.

Completely against Extraction.

Motion 19-11-09 by Brown/Dougherty to decline 1414 East Michigan Avenue for a provisioning center.
 Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Myers-Malone, & Buller **ALL YES**
 Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-10 by Myers-Malone/Dougherty to amend the Conditional Use to add Single family dwellings to the General Commercial District.

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

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

ASSESSING- None.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

	<u>10/19</u>	<u>9/19</u>
Complaints/ Calls for Service	773	872
Criminal Complaints	<u>175</u>	<u>217</u>
Total	948	1089
Citations	74	85
Motor Carrier	43	33
Traffic Crashes	39	36
Arrests	42	49
Felony	6	7
Misdemeanor	36	42
Fire Calls	118	170
Structure Fire	2	
Vehicle Fires	1	
Outdoor Fires	0	
Medicals	65	
Traffic Crashes	15	
Search/Extrication	1	
Water Rescue	0	
Miscellaneous	34	

October continued keeping everyone busy doing investigations with almost 1000 calls for service. Fire response was a less than September's, but we had the explosion/fire on E Michigan Avenue where four other departments assisted and that has taken a lot of manpower and man hours. The case is still open, and we are working with the State Police Fire investigator, the Prosecutor's office and LARA to finalize the outcome. We also had the fatal traffic crash on E River Road.

We continue to have crashes on I-94 with the new pavement. Traffic crashes take up a lot of time and manpower. Please remember with the cold weather and snow to slow down and give yourself a little extra time

and distance while traveling. **Remember that I-94 runs right through Emmett Township, so enforcement and any incidents out on the highway between M-66 and Mile Marker 105, are still ultimately the Departments responsibility, so you will see officers out there.**

We are still getting a few complaints about people passing the school buses. Remember they are running morning and afternoon, so please watch for buses and kids at bus stops while you are driving on the roads.

October's fire training was Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) at the Calhoun Area Career Center with several outside departments. Everything went well and we thank the center for letting us use the training house.

In November, we are having PPCT (use of force) training for law enforcement officers, and no fire training this month due to Thanksgiving.

I hope everyone has a great month, has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,



RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Much Public Comment on Marihuana Facilities.

Motion 19-11-11 by Dougherty/Brown to Amend Ordinance Number 1 of 2018, Medical Marihuana Facilities to include limits on licenses in Emmett Township as follows;

Provisioning- 24

Processing- 2

Grow- 4

Secure Transporter- 2

Safety Compliance Facility- 2

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 19-11-12 by Dougherty/Brown to approve The Department of State to evaluate Emmett Township as a Passport Acceptance Agency.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-13 by Dougherty/Brown to establish a Marihuana Committee consisting of Tim Hill, Tracy Myers-Malone, Pat Dougherty, and to include residents, business owners, and professionals.

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

ALL YES

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-11-14 by Dougherty/Brown to approve a change of light bulbs in the front office area.

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

FOUR YES

Buller

ONE NO

Excused: Hill & Gunning

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD COMMENTS- None.

Brown- Asked when the Marihuana committee will meet?

Dougherty- Appreciates the attendance, happy to see the opposition. Keep coming, we need the next generation of people its so important to run for trustee/positions here for the community.

Myers-Malone- Thank you all for the attendance and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Hill- Excused.

Myers- Asked the residents to be more involved. Thanked JoAnn for Service, she was a joy and pleasure to work with her. Morgyn has big shoes to fill, but thinks she is up for the challenge.

Buller- echoed Myers-Malone's comment.

Gunning- Excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Mike Betzold- Sees that the Facebook page has very few followers. Explained the confusion of the high attendance; they received a letter from the zoning department about Riverview Recreation that grabbed attention. His wife attended the zoning meeting and learned about the corner of wattles and what was going on there. They led the way for inviting people. He knows there has been lots of pro marihuana people because they want the licenses, but didn't know we needed to show opposition to stop this. He stated the caps seem arbitrary and explained how Flint has less than Emmett Township.

Pete George- Asked if the casino pays taxes? He stated the new hotel should have been stopped. He thought the sewer was heading to Marshall. He is now worried about more sewer issues.

Jeremy Fuller- Found out about this meeting by word of mouth. Stated that Medical Marihuana has a place in our community for certain treatments. He is concerned about schools and churches that are too close to marihuana facilities. As a medical provider and resident, he is still learning. He hopes the Board will adopt the 1,000ft buffer instead of the current 500ft as well as relook at the proximity of these facilities to schools, churches, and other dwellings.

Jen Zerkel- Encourage the Board to adopt the 1,000ft as well as property line to property line. She is disappointed that the Board had to have opposition to know common sense.

Lonnie Root- Been watching this Marihuana stuff for the last year and he should have spoke up. Now you know what these people want.

Jesse Jacox- Been coming for years, so many meetings are unattended. Don't let the Marihuana issue be the only reason you attend meetings as there are so many other things to have a voice about. Be a benefit to your community.

Richard Collins- Thanked Cassandra and Mike Betzold for leading the way of information and about the meeting tonight. Been living here for forty-two years and this was his second meeting. Will attend to the best of his ability in the future.

Bob Coward- Thanked Chief for his efforts with semis when the highway is closed. This last week though there have been lots of semis because of shutdowns from accidents. He has been coming to these meetings for two years, and the Board has gone through the process for Marihuana, looking for input. There are lots of other issues including every one of you (residents) are being sued by a Board Member currently, if that doesn't concern you it should. Good reason to come back. Thank you for coming and for your support.

Deb Belles- Doesn't want the roads to get lost in all of this marihuana talk. Would like to get a plan in place for a project manager. We need to get the ball rolling before spring so that we have someone looking out for our interests. Deb asked to be on the December Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19-11-15 by Buller/Gunning to adjourn at 7:37p.m.

Voice Vote

Excused: Hill & Gunning

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*