

**Charter Township of Emmett**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 11, 2018**

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday October 11, 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-**

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

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

**Frontload Land Bank & CEI, Add to New business: Lawn mower & Protection of Board Member & Trustee Interest.**

Motion 18-01-01 by Gunning/Buller to approve Agenda.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-**

Motion 18-10-02 by Gunning/Buller to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

General fund	\$ 2,769,660.58
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 657,292.55
Sanitation fund	\$ 648,398.11
Project V Sewer fund	(\$ 117,398.27)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$ 18,122.44
Public Safety fund	(\$ 266,396.89)
Public Safety Extra	\$ 525,457.32
Beadle Lake weed	\$ 12,514.84
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 4,594.96

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER- Check register with details for next meeting.**

Motion 18-010-03 by Brown/Myers to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Calhoun County Landbank- 210 Cherokee. Working on using a grant for demolition. Township is responsible for the 2016 taxes (\$784) and 2018 taxes (\$2148).**

Motion 18-10-04 by Gunning/Myers to partner with the land bank & sign the memo of understanding.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CEI- emergency situation for lift station on E dr. \$300,000 for a whole new lift station. May need an easement.**

Motion 18-10-05 by Buller/Dougherty to move forward with Randy Ramsey's recommendation to get the easements/ bids/ anything needed for the project ready.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-**

**Supervisor, Tim Hill-** New hotels coming into the Township, phase 2 going well. More Medical Marijuana facilities. Biggby's looking to expand. Hoping to meet with Rob Behnke to see where the Road Committee is at.

**Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone-** Absentee ballots are in the mail, our office sent out over 975 ballots for this general election. If you need an absentee ballot you can still obtain your AV ballot until the Saturday before the Election. The bridge is still out on D drive N, so please plan on using 6-1/2 mile rd. to get to precincts 2, 3, & 4 at Victory Life Church. Please get out and vote!

Exciting baby news! I will be due next Wednesday, October 17 and will be out on leave, but will be available by phone & email.

**Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-** Summer taxes were due by September 17, but they can still be paid at the Township office with a 1% late fee added each month. Drop box available and we can mail you a receipt. The Calhoun County recycling program sign-up is still available in the Township Office until December 31, 2018.

**Planning and Zoning Business-**

Motion 18-10-06 by Dougherty/Buller to approve 1181 East Michigan Avenue for conditional use and site plan.

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

**Assessing-** Busy doing building inspections for accessing purposes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY-**

September 2018 Monthly Activity Synopsis

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

	<u>Current Month:</u>	<u>Previous Month:</u>
<b>Complaints/Calls for Service:</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Citations Issued:</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Medicals:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Fires:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>All other Fire Calls:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>

The department had an extremely busy month. We continue to deal with the Opioid epidemic and have treated a number of overdoses over the month. I am very proud of the professionalism displayed by members of the department as they continue to provide quality medical first response to our residents. This does not minimize the danger they place themselves into every day because of the fear of the drug being laced with fentanyl.

Officers were able to apprehend two subjects who broke into the Rite Aid store last month. They responded to an alarm and nabbed them still inside the store. We have been having some break-ins in our residential areas while the homes are occupied and the residents are asleep. Please everyone, lock your doors and don't invite trouble.

**\*October is domestic violence awareness and Chief Olson is Emmett Township's representative at Safe Place.**

**\*Shop with a Cop Spaghetti Dinner October 22 from 5-7pm \$15/ person. Catered by Barista Blues.**

**\*Shop with a Cop will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in December.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-**

Resolution T18-12, Exempt the Township from Public Act 152 of 2011 for 2019.

Motion 18-10-07 by Brown/Dougherty to accept Resolution T18-012.

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

Buller

**SIX YES**

**ONE NO**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T18-13, Add Streetlight to North Princeton.

Motion 18-10-08 by Dougherty/Brown to accept resolution T18-13.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T18-14, Beadle Lake Aquatic Weed project assessment fees for 2018.

Motion 18-10-09 by Dougherty/Brown to set the Beadle Lake Weed assessment as shown by the accessor in Resolution T18-14.

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS-**

**Labor Committee Report: Rachelle Myers stated that both attorneys felt a conflict of interest having Mr. Buller on the committee. Need a different Trustee on the committee.**

Motion 18-10-10 by Hill/Myers to replace Steve Buller with Dick Brown for the labor committee member.

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

Gunning, Buller, & Hill

**FOUR YESES**

**THREE NOS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Qualified:**

**Gunning (NO): Doesn't understand what we are voting for.**

**Dougherty (YES): Doesn't understand what we are voting for.**

**Hill (NO): Mr. Brown has an adversary relationship with Mr. Buller. The state says you have to do this.**

**Table Furnace Replacement quotes for next month to get more bids.**

**Phone Quotes: Tony Geigle recommends we switch from current provider to CTS telecom since our phone system is so outdated.**

Motion 18-10-11 by Gunning/ Myers-Malone to approve purchase of new phone system for \$6,905.73 (cost to be split between public safety & administration).

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

**ALL YES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Lawnmower- Was bid on and never paid for by Biddergy. Lawnmower sits outback.

Motion 18-10-12 by Myers/Brown to allow for sealed bids to be accepted at the Township with a reserve of \$1,000. Please address envelope with contact information. Deadline is by 4pm of the next Board Meeting, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Discussion on protection of Board member & Trustee interest.

Motion 18-10-13 by Dougherty/Brown to hire attorney Fahey/Shultz/Burzych/Rhodes to look into the protection of Board members and Trustee Interests.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, & Myers-Malone **FOUR YESES**  
Gunning, Buller, & Hill **THREE NOS**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Qualified:**

**Myers (YES): Clear lack of communication and more than Mr. Dougherty involved.**

**Hill (NO): Will be using MacFarlane.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

Resident stated the Board has a serious problem and they need to sit down and talk.

Residents please remember roads vs. personal vendetta

Resident Thanked Chief Olson, lost a son to a heroine overdose. This is local government not partisan politics; Township residents deserve more. Supervisor should be leading- health and well-being. Listen and open your ears.

Resident stated that taxes are going up and to the schools. Residential outnumber the businesses.

Resident very disappointed with the Board. Most animosity, its clear you don't get along. Please try and resolve this without a lawyer.

**BOARD WORKSHOP: 10/15 @ 10AM IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ROOM.**

**BOARD COMMENTS- None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 18-10-14 by Dougherty/Myers to Adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Voice Vote **ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor*  
*Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk*  
*Emmett Charter Township*

