

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
Public Hearing for Special Assessment District No. 01 of 2010 to set the Millage Rate
October 10, 2019

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday October 10, 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.

The Assessor Mike Leslie and acting Chief Kenneth Cunningham explained about the millage and how it would not be an increase. They explained that the Board has to set this millage every year at this meeting after a public hearing is held.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

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

QUORUM PRESENT

Motion 19-10-01 by Buller/ Gunning to close the Public Hearing at 5:30pm.
Voice Vote.

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Discussion on the Tire Store on Wattles Rd. & Purchase Orders. Remove: New Business #1 (Diligent Software Program)

Motion 19-10-02 by Gunning/Myers to approve the Agenda with Additions/Subtractions.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-03 by Brown/Myers to approve Purchase Orders (19-6412 for \$867.50, 19-6419 for \$685.00, 19-6424 for \$10,290.00, and 19-6430 for \$1553.00) for Public Safety.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-04 by Buller/Gunning to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Qualified:

Dougherty (YES)- Wasn't given this information in a timely manner, I would like this information out earlier to be able to look it over.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS-

Joel Langlois is running for Congress.

Motion 19-10-05 by Gunning/Myers-Malone to approve the Check Register.

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

Brown

SIX YES

ONE NO

Qualified:

Brown (NO) - Just got the packet as he walked in today, haven't had time to look it over to see if he had any questions.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill-

Hilton Hotel sealed up, lots of inside work going on- they are moving right along, but no opening date yet. The hill in front will be moved. Apartment complex moving along thanks to Mike Leslie. Committee for Chief to meet next week. D Drive Bridge in the works; Consumers Energy needs to move lines and then hopefully they can plop the bridge in and it will be ready to go.

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! Training was a breeze; we can't wait to share this new equipment with the voters!

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-

Please allow the sexton a couple more weeks of summer clean-up before setting winter decorations on graves. Summer Clean-Up officially started October 1st.

General-

I've been accepted as a member onto the MAMC Legislative Committee and an alternate on the CEO committee that meets once a month in Delta Township to discuss several different topics that Clerks across the State feel need to be changed in legislature.

Still doing some research on the possibility of our Township becoming a place to process Passports for extra revenue.

The Office will be Closed October 14th in Observance of Columbus Day.

I'd like the Board to consider changing the start time of Board Meetings as a new mother it is very hard to have meeting begin 30-60 minutes after the office closes. Also, I believe that we could get more community involvement if the meetings were changed back to 7pm. I feel this would be a very beneficial change for the community as a whole.

Happy Fall, enjoy all of the changes of the season

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-

-Please call for Summer Tax Balance Payoff if you haven't finalized you Summer 2019 Tax Payments. 1% interest rate per month currently applies to any Summer Tax Balances.

-Calhoun County is having a Dog Licensing Event on October 12 at the County Building in Marshall. 300 Rabies vaccinations will be available for free, it is 1st come 1st served. A Veterinarian will be on hand to administer vaccines. 1 year and 3-year Dog License will be available for purchase. Please call Calhoun County Treasurer or visit the County Website for additional information.

-Emmett Township Treasurer Department has started to work on Winter 2019 Taxes.

PLANNING & ZONING-

Motion 19-10-06 by Myers/Gunning to table the event venue ordinance.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-07 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve 7253 & 7295 Tower Road to change from General Commercial to Light Industrial with a Masterplan amendment to Industrial.

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

ASSESSING- Is conducting Building Inspections for Assessing Purposes.

PUBLIC SAFETY-

	<u>September</u>	<u>August</u>
Complaints/ Calls for Service	872	747
Criminal Complaints	<u>217</u>	<u>189</u>
Total	1089	936
Citations	85	94
Motor Carrier	33	34
Traffic Crashes	36	43
Arrests	49	33
Fire Calls	170	122

As you can see, September was a very active month with officers doing investigations for 1089 calls for service. Fire response was a quite a bit more than August, but finally a month with no water rescues.

We had several semi-tractor trailer crashes on I-94 last month. The crashes take up a lot of time and manpower, as all of them caused lane closures or shutdowns for a short period of time.

We had a robbery at Best Buy in which the offenders smashed the front door glass, entered the store and stole over \$10,000 worth of electronics. We had a great response time and with assistance from BCPD, and MSP, one of the two offenders was later apprehended walking through the Sam’s Club parking lot. After stopping him and identifying him, he was arrested and transported to the Calhoun County Jail, and approximately \$10,000 of the stolen merchandise was recovered. The male offender was from the Grand Rapids area.

School busses are running morning and afternoon, so please watch for buses and kids at bus stops while you are driving on the roads. Had a few complaints of motorists running the warning lights on the busses.

August’s fire training was extrication at Whispering Oaks Salvage yard. Everything went very well.

In October, we are having Rapid Intervention Training (RIT) and use of force training for law enforcement officers.

I would like to add that IRS and phone scam complaints are still coming in frequently. I want to remind everyone not to give any personal or banking information out to anyone over the phone. Anyone that asks you to send them money on gift cards or iTunes cards are almost always trying to scam you out of your money. If you have questions, feel free to call and talk to someone at the department about it.

I hope everyone has a great month and enjoys the fall weather.



RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS-

Motion 19-10-08 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve Resolution T19-08, Special Assessment District No. 01 of 2010 millage rate at 1.5 (no change from previous years).

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-09 by Dougherty/Brown to approve Resolution T19-09, Exempt Emmett Township from Public Act 152 of 2011 for the year 2020.

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

**FIVE YES
TWO NOS**

Qualified:

Hill (NO)- Opportunity to look at that and save money for the Township, everyone else is paying 80/20 for Insurance.

Buller (NO)- Similar to Hills, the exemption for only government bodies everybody else contributes to insurance. The waiver has the residents pay for portion the workers should be paying for. He's always voted no, this waiver was supposed to be for a certain year now extended time and time again, hope this will stop and be on track with the state.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-10 by Dougherty/Brown to approve Resolution T19-10, MERS 457 plan for employees.

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

Qualified:

Buller (YES)- Great job Richie! This has been a long time coming, and a bur under my saddle. Appreciates his time.

Hill (YES)- Hats off to Richie, Tracy, and Rachele. The 457 is awesome, stuff more money aside out of the IRS pockets.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-11 by Buller/Gunning to approve Resolution T19-11; Authorized Signatures for the MERS 457 as the Supervisor., Clerk, & Treasurer.

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

Qualified:

Myers (YES)- Feels that the payroll coordinator should be involved, she plays an integral role in speaking with employees and doing a majority of the work.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-10-12 by Myers/Hill to approve Resolution T19-12; Beadle Lake Weed Project.

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Motion 19-10-13 by Myers/Brown to table Marihuana topics. October Special Meeting date-to be announced. (waiting on ordinance drafts from attorney).

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion on Wattles Park Tire Shack

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

District Judge, Jason Bomia gave introduction

Resident asked about wattles park restaurant that was supposed to be torn down? Also asked about 2% motel tax.

Resident gives recommendation for recreational marihuana, states 10% sales tax comes back- 35% to local schools, 35% to local roads, 15% to Township, 15% to County. If you want to have regulation you need to do something before November 1st.

BOARD COMMENTS- None.

Brown-

Dougherty-

Myers-Malone-

Hill-

Myers-

Buller-

Gunning-

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19-10-14 by Buller/Gunning to adjourn at 7:17p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*