

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
July 12, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday June 14, 2012. The meeting was held at the Township Hall: 621 Cliff St, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, and Dougherty

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 12-7-5 by King/ Talbot to approve the Agenda with any needed changes

Roll Call Vote: King, Myers, Maichele, Henrich, Talbot, O'Connor, and Dougherty

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-7-6 by Talbot / Maichele to approve Consent Agenda without discussion

Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, and Dougherty

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of June 30, 2012

General Fund	\$ 1,041,861.51
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,462,294.31
Sanitation Fund	\$ 244,321.72
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 295,095.89
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 73,657.55
Public Safety Fund	\$ 80,828.21
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 233,767.52

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission – Cancelled

Z.B.A. Meeting – Canceled

Next Township Board Meeting – August 9, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-7-6 by Henrich/Talbot to approve the monthly check register as printed with a question from O'Connor on page 6; check to Civil Engineers. Dougherty explained that he had someone come to investigate the sewer smell at 1181 Michigan Avenue East. It was determined that the smell was not caused from a fault of the sewer system, but the smell was actually caused by a fault of the property owner. Dougherty didn't think it would cost as much as it did, and said he would talk with the Gentleman from the Ice Cream Deli about paying us back.

Roll Call Vote: Maichele, Henrich, Myers, O'Connor, King, Talbot, and Dougherty **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Long (the Field Manager/Retail Marketing Manager of the T & A Travel Centers of America, LLC which recently bought the Te-Khi Truck Stop on Eleven Mile Road) explained about all the changes that the company intends on making with the remodeling that they will be doing in the very near future. Mr. Long also stated that they would be hiring all local contractors to do the remodeling. Also they are looking to hire around twenty employees. Long thanked everyone for their time.

Public comment: thanked the Board from the new P.A. System then asked everyone on the Board if their property taxes were paid up to date, both Personal and Real. Every Individual on the Board answered yes with the exception of Maichele he stated that he had made arrangements with Talbot just before the meeting.

Connie VandePolder – I'm here on behalf of The Water Resources representing Mark Jones. He has credentials as a civil engineer and has had the proper training. VandePolder hopes everyone votes and considers who they are voting for.

Julie Camp - Seifke stated that they are still harvesting pines at Kimball Parks from the storm last spring and this should be done sometime in July. Trialways Association is still taking donations. The Audit was just approved for the Board of Commissioners. Road Commission Task Force meets July 24th 2012 on the third floor of the County Building on Green Street at 8:00 A.M. this is the last meeting before they decide if they should absorb the Road Commission. For more information on this you can go to the Calhoun County Mi.Gov web page then to the Board of Commissioners page. There was a question on whether taxes were going to be raised, Camp - Seifke commented they will still be levied at the same 5.37 mills. The Board of Commissioners is looking into Live Broadcasting their meetings sometime this summer. Camp - Seifke stated that it had been a pleasure serving everyone and would like their support for the upcoming Election. There was a question from the Board Members about the Road Commission Task Force, was the Road Commission being helpful and giving the information that they needed to? - - Camp - Seifke stated that to the best of her knowledge they have gotten everything that they asked for.

Public Comment on the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility is renewing their millage for 10 years. That would mean that if someone owned a one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) home they would only pay \$12.41 a year on their taxes.

Public Comment on whether or not the Board had been approached by the Wind Turbines yet? Dougherty said that this has not been addressed yet.

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Dougherty thanked Derek and Jeff for using their personal time to put in the new P.A. System.

Clerk

Getting ready for the August 7th Election. Would like to remind everyone to get out and vote. We have three elections trainings coming up with in the next week to two weeks.

Treasurer

Busy collecting taxes since summer notices went out. Taxes are due by September 14th 2012; Treasurer's Department is still collecting Personal Taxes.

Planning and Zoning Business

Motion 12-7-7 by O'Connor/King to Adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 18.03 Conditional Uses as written, published and noticed.

Roll Call Vote: O'Connor, Henrich, Maichele, King, Talbot, Myers, and Dougherty

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Busy getting ready for the July Board of Review that starts on July 17th 2012 at 9:00 A.M. This is for qualified errors and clerical mistakes.

Public Safety

Another busy month one of the busiest that we've had in a while. Stated that the staff on the Public Safety side did a great job dealing with several serious accidents and he is very proud of the way they handled themselves. Olson Commented on the Burn Ban still being in effect until we get some sufficient rain. Also commented on the excessive heat and would ask that everyone please look out for your neighbors especially if they're older, and animals as well. Stated that we have a draft for the Fireworks Ordinance, but it's still being worked on.

O'Connor stated that the Burn Ban is a good thing.

King with a question about lighting of Fireworks right now, can you? Chief Olson responded by saying no.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Dougherty read a Sample Resolution expressing opposition to the Ballot Proposal Petition that would amend the Michigan Constitution to allow eight new Casinos to be built in the State and eliminate the Public's right to Vote on future Gaming expansions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BS&A Essential Software – Update

There was a lot of discussion on the software program about cost and competitive bids.

Motion 12-7-8 by Dougherty/ Myers to move ahead with the BS&A Software.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Myers, King, Maichele, Dougherty

O’Connor – Qualified NO has no idea what’s out there.

Henrich – Qualified YES BS&A will definitely do the job that were looking for but agree with O’Connor on other Proposals.

5 – YES 1- Qualified YES 1- Qualified NO **MOTION CARRIED 6/1**

Dougherty made a proposal that we rejoin AMSA

O’Connor commented that it was not on the Agenda that he was e-mailed on Friday and that he did not have the opportunity to go over or review the new information. O’Connor asked that we table the rest of the information under unfinished business.

Motion 12-7-9 by O’Connor/Maichele to table the rest of the information under unfinished business because this was not on the Agenda that was received on Friday.

Roll Call Vote: Henrich, Myers, Talbot, Dougherty –NO

MOTION DEFEATED 4/3

King Qualified YES flash backs of not having information. Thinks AMSA is a good thing in his opinion

Maichele – YES

O’Connor – YES

Motion 12-7-10 by Dougherty/ Myers to rejoin AMSA

MOTION CARRIED 5/2

Roll Call Vote: King, Myers, Talbot, Dougherty – YES

O’Connor – NO rescind my vote to a qualified YES – Don’t have a problem with us joining AMSA just think it was snuck through and that’s why we have a dead line for Friday afternoon.

Maichele – NO

Henrich – NO

Dougherty commented on the third issue under unfinished business with regards to Clay Maichele this issue has been taken care of and would like it struck from the Agenda.

New Business

P.O.’s That Need Approval

Michigan Mobile Ranges for Quantity 2 Milo use of Force Simulator 2 days totaling \$1,000.00

Election Source for State of Michigan Contract for 4 machines totaling \$940.00

Challenge Coins Plus for 100 Challenge Coins & Shipping totaling \$712.00

Signs and Designs for Graphics for 2011 Chevy Suburban totaling \$800.00

BS&A Software (Accounting & Taxes) for 1st payment of \$21,159.00 with 3 more payments to follow until 2014

Motion 12-7-11 by O'Connor/ Talbot to approve P.O.'S as submitted

ALL YES

Roll Call Vote: Myers, O'Connor, Talbot, Maichele, Henrich, King, Dougherty

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments

Public Comment just to remind people to get out and vote.

Public Questioned that approximately four years ago the Township Board Approved raises for the Board of Trustees? O'Connor answered the Question and said that they weren't raises it was a reinstatement of what the previous Board Members received which was \$0.

Public Comment: believes that people should start talking to people that are running for office and thinks it's time for a change.

Public Comment: It's not fair to blind side someone at a Board meeting, also asked what the Challenge Coins are used for? Chief Olson answered by explaining that they were a type of reward that has the Emmett Township logo on a coin. They are given for a job well done when you can't afford to give raises.

Trustee Comments

Maichele

Commented that the Fire Ban is a good thing, also hopes that by rejoining AMSA that it doesn't turn out to be part of a "good old boy system" and would hope that they discuss things that need to be taken care of. Would have liked to have more information on the BS&A.

O'Connor

Would like to remind people to get out and vote August 7th 2012 especially for the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility and also for the 911 Sur Charge and that they have his full support. Thanked King and Jeff Smith for putting in the P.A. System. O'Connor also commented on the subject that came from the audience on raises and the fact that he believes everyone deserves a raise. Lastly as of an hour ago the weeds here at the Township were so bad they were up to my waist and how bad this Property looked. If we are handing out citations our building should get one as well. O'Connor stated that our property should have to meet code like everyone else's.

Henrich

Stated that he's all for the 911 Sur Charge. Also stated that this was our fourth Budget Meeting in which we were not scrambling to get through it, and that we have even managed to put some money away for a rainy day fund. Commented on floating down the Kalamazoo River on the 4th of July and all the wildlife that he saw and how nice Bridge Park was and would highly recommend it.

King

Commented that we are in a pretty good financial way right now. The fact we paid cash for the new building (which is the Fire Apparatus Bay) is a big deal for a small government like us. Stated also that he is running for County Commission and that he has a much needed set of skills to bring into this position. Thanked Dougherty for his support.

Talbot

Would just like to remind everyone to get out and vote. Also commented that she was sorry to see that there were not more Candidates here tonight.

Myers

Commented on the fact that she supports the 911 Sur Charge and the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility.

Would just like everyone to get out and vote.

Dougherty

Would like everyone to get out and vote especially for the 911 Sur Charge and the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility as these are some very important issues.

Adjournment

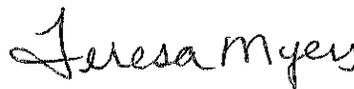
Motion 12-7-12 by Dougherty to Adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**



Pat Dougherty Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township



Teresa Myers Clerk
Emmett Charter Township