

Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 11, 2013

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday April 11, 2013. 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**

Jacox, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Dougherty, Talbot, and Hill

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion 13-4-1 by Gunning/ Dougherty to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Jacox, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 13-4-2 by Talbot / Gunning to approve Consent Agenda without discussion

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Myers, Jacox, Talbot, Buller, Gunning, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

***Treasurer's Report:***

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of March 31, 2013

General Fund	\$ 1,079,841.25
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,560,317.30
Sanitation Fund	\$ 243,085.09
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 195,286.97
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,755.34
Public Safety Fund	\$ 207,075.86
Public Safety Extra	\$ 347,648.43

**The Monthly Departmental Report:**

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

***Communications:***

***Announcements:***

Township Planning Commission – April 17, 2013- Cancelled  
Z.B.A. Meeting – April 23, 2013 unless announced different.  
Next Township Board Meeting – May 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 13-4-3 by Talbot/Buller to accept the Check Register as printed with a question by Jacox on Kuhn's, answered by Talbot.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Buller, Jacox, Dougherty, Talbot, Myers, Dougherty, and Hill **ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

### **Supervisor**

Talked about how bad the roads in the Township are. The fact that the Township has no control over the County Road Department in getting roads fixed. Hill mentioned that he was checking into possibly getting our roads back from the County.

### **Clerk**

Getting ready for the upcoming Election for Battle Creek Schools.

### **Treasurer**

Explained that they had a small glitch in delinquent personal property that is now corrected. Talbot also talked about how bad the roads are, her son had recently bent a rim on his car, due to the road conditions. After reporting the pot hole it took a long time to get someone out to fix it. A question from Dougherty on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes and how we were coming on those. Talbot answered that we are still working on them.

### **Planning and Zoning Business**

Buckley announced the April meetings will be cancelled as there wasn't time to place a Public Notice; so the meetings will now be in May.

### **Assessing**

Leslie asked the Board to appoint John Sackrider to the Board of Review as an alternate.

Motion 13-4-4 by Gunning / Dougherty to appoint John Sackrider as an alternate to the Board of Review.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Talbot, Myers, Gunning, Jacox, Dougherty, and Hill **ALL YES**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Public Safety**

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Activity Synopsis that he handed out to everyone on the Board. Olson also commented on the Child Abuse Group at Lakeview Square Mall and that the Firefighters went to read to Kindergarteners' Great Program. Chief Olson also reminded all that on June 15<sup>th</sup> is the 70 Year Retirement Breakfast. Chief Olson also commented on the fact that Police Officers Labor Council along with the Supervisory Unit & the Non-Labor Council have agreed not to take a raise this year until April 1, 2014 as Officers are aware of the Townships issues.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

Resolution T13-10 to adopt the provisions of Act No. 88, Public Acts of 1961, as amended, and become a reciprocal unit under the Reciprocal Retirement Act.

Motion 13-4-5 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve Resolution T13-10.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Dougherty, Buller, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Charter Township of Emmett Ordinance No. 1 of 2013 for Semco Energy Gas Company this is a renewal for another thirty years.

Motion 13-4-6 by Buller/ Gunning to support the Semco Energy Gas Company Ordinance for a period of thirty years.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Gunning, Jacox, Buller, Myers, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Black Hawk Hills Additional Street Lights requested.

Motion 13-4-7 by Jacox/ Buller to approve the additional street lights for Black Hawk Hills.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Dougherty, Talbot, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Hill discussed with the Board the possibility of Emmett Township having their own Public Works Department and regaining control of billing from Battle Creek. There was much discussion on the sewer issue with the Board.

### **P.O.'s That Need Approval**

Chief Olson also explained a P.O. to Galls for \$1,311.00 for florescent vests for our Officers as required by OSHA. Question from Jacox on how Mutual Aid is determined. Chief Olson explained the process.

Motion 13-4-8 by Gunning / Dougherty to approve the purchase of the Safety Vests.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Jacox, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Also a P.O. for finishing the Hallway, Drywall, Doors and etc. for \$875.00.

Motion 13-4-9 by Buller/ Jacox to approve the work to be done on Administrative side and not to exceed \$1000.00

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Gunning, and Hill

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comments**

A resident commented on Battle Creek doing what they want. There was much discussion with this resident and several of the Board members on the Public Works Department.

Another resident commented on the fact in the past that the Township used to do their own billing. It was decided by one of Emmett’s Supervisors to let Battle Creek do the billing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**Trustee Comments**

Gunning –Commented on the fact that just because it’s been happening doesn’t mean we can’t change that know. Gunning also commented on the sewer billing with the difference on being metered or on a flat rate this brought about lots more conversation on the sewer issue.

Buller – commented on being fiscally responsible to the residents, we need to find out if there are ways we can save money. Just like the billing Battle Creek’s doing for us; if we could do it cheaper we should be doing it. We have employees here that could possibly be doing billing job.

Dougherty – commented that we really appreciate the feedback from the Public as they have been here for many years. Dougherty commented on the fact Emmett is the number two entity in the area and we need to start looking out for Emmett. Dougherty also commented that he was happy with the job that Mr. Hill is doing here in Emmett.

Jacox – commented on the fact that he backs every thing that Dougherty had commented on. Jacox also had a question about the Grant for the Sewer System that Buller had mentioned earlier. Buller explained the process.

**Adjournment**

Motion 13-4-10 by Hill / Gunning to adjourn 6:30p.m.

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

Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township