

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 2013

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday March 14, 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

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

QUORUM PRESENT

Time change for board meeting from 7p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a 6 months trial

Motion 13-3-1 by Hill / Dougherty to change the Board Meeting time to 5:30 p.m.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 13-3-2 by Buller/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers, with two corrections 1.) To table the discussion on the cap for MERS 2.) To add P.O. for lock master for \$941.00.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 13-3-3 by Talbot / Gunning to approve Consent Agenda without discussion

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

The Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of February 28, 2013

General Fund	\$ 132,217.20
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,448,215.56
Sanitation Fund	\$ 243,128.87
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 193,374.07
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 62,939.83
Public Safety Fund	\$ 85,140.55
Public Safety Extra	\$ 55,398.69

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission – March 20, 2013

Z.B.A. Meeting – This could be a special meeting held within the next two weeks.

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

Motion 13-3-6 by Buller / Dougherty to approve Resolution T13-07 – Proclamation – April is Alcohol Awareness Month. (Attachment in back)

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

Motion 13-3-7 by Gunning / Jacox to approve Resolution T13-08 to appoint two Emmett Township Board Members to AMSA. (Tim Hill and Steve Buller).

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

Motion 13-3-8 by Buller / Dougherty to pass Resolution T13-04
Resolution request to place 911 Dispatch back to the voters. (Emmett Township Resolution T13-04)

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

All Resolution's T13-05 thru T13-08 passed by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget Year.

Motion 13-3-9 by Gunning / Dougherty to accept the 2013-14 Budget as printed.

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

A contract for Advanced Life Support Ambulance for the Charter Township of Emmett.

Steve Frisbee and Ron Slaygo explained about the contract for Life Support Ambulance Service and also answered questions about the contract from several board members.

Motion 13-3-10 by Myers/ Gunning to accept the contract from Life Support Ambulance.

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

Autumn Smith to be appointed to the Zoning Board Appeals.

Motion 13-3-11 by Dougherty / Buller to appoint Autumn Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

MOTION CARRIED

P.O.'s That Need Approval

Lock Master P.O. for keyless entry into administration building from fire bay for \$941.00.

Motion 13-3-12 by Buller / Jacox to approve the purchase order from lock master with the \$941.00 dollars being split by Public Safety and the Administration Side.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Previous Board had approved Randy Ramsey to do a sewer study with an estimated cost from Mr. Ramsey for \$15,000.00 not knowing Ramsey had to rent a special tool that would cost an extra \$2,000.00 dollars which made the total bill \$17,000.00.

Motion 13-3-13 by Buller / Gunning to approve the extra \$2,000.00 dollars for Randy Ramsey, (CEI) professional engineering.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments

A resident appreciates the fact the we changed the meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. but is still very upset that the time was changed from 7:00p.m.

Jim Mead has been coming into Administrative Offices for the last couple of month's going through old meeting minutes and has discovered that this year 2013 will make 70 years that the Fire Department has been established in Emmett Township. There has been a committee organized and they will be having a Fire Department Reunion Breakfast June 15, 2013 any questions you may contact Clarke Lawson or Jim Mead. Mead also commented that he preferred the meetings at 7:00p.m.

Comment from another resident on his houses catching on fire and there being an all-volunteer Fire Department and the fact that before they got there all his neighbors had brought there hoses and had the fire out before fire department arrived, this resident still believes that the people in Emmett Township are the same kind of helpful people.

Autumn Smith thanked the Board for this opportunity given to her by being appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amendments to the personal policy plus a sentence to be added to paragraph 2. The sentence is (“In no event is it acceptable for any individual or department to circumvent this policy or be party to manipulation/deception of vendor/contractor/supplier invoicing to avoid the \$600.00 limit.”

Motion 13-3-14 by Gunning / Jacox to approve the amendments to the purchase order policy and also the sentence to be added to the policy as above.

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

Resident made a comment about Enbridge coming back to do some more work and was wondering if anyone else had heard anything. Jacox commented that the next step would be dredging but no one really knows yet.

Trustee Comments

Gunning – None

Buller – commented on the five Officers that were laid off and thought it would have been nice to recognize them.

Dougherty – commented on the guys from the Road Department being here and the fact that everyone has been under the gun lately concerning the roads. Also Dougherty was glad to see that Autumn Smith was appointed to the ZBA.

Jacox – commented on giving the five Officers that were laid off some kind of certificate. Lt Geigle did some explaining on this issue and the fact that it happened so fast there wasn’t much time to do anything.

Public Comment from Mead with one more comment because of the layoffs he would like to make sure that everyone knows that there was no money used from the Township Funds for the upcoming Breakfast. This is being completely done through donations.

Adjournment

Motion 13-2-12 by Hill / Jacox to adjourn 8:15p.m.

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

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township