

Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday October 11, 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 12-10-1 by Talbot/ King to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers, subject to any corrections.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 12-10-2 by Henrich / Talbot to approve Consent Agenda without discussion

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund	\$ 607,893.88
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 1,464,171.89
Sanitation Fund	\$ 255,877.99
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 295,096.06
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 64,854.45
Public Safety Fund	\$ 32,879.55
Public Safety Casino Fund	\$ 40,923.97
Public Safety Extra	\$ 225,985.91

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed.

Communications:

Announcements:

Township Planning Commission – Cancelled

Z.B.A. Meeting – Cancelled

Next Township Board Meeting – November 8, 2012

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 12-10-3 by Dougherty / Talbot to accept the Check Register with a question from a board member on pg. 2 on M.M.M.R.A. and with notation of canine training? This was answered by Trish; wrong notation clerical error. Also another question on pg. 8 on Spartan Motor? Olson responded by saying that was regular maintenance on one of the fire trucks.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Ramsey addressed the board about the sewer report for Eisenhower/Michigan Avenue. There were a lot of questions from the board that Mr. Ramsey answered the best he could at this time. He then handed everyone on the board the report and explained that he will be back next month to go over the draft report prepared by Civil Engineers, Inc. (Project # 120504).

No other public comments

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Commented that M-Dot will be hosting a meeting here at the (Township Meeting Hall) next Thursday October 18, 2012 5-7p.m. to answer questions on the M96 Bridge Repair.

Clerk

Thanked Gloria Maichele for all her help in getting Absent Voter ballots out. Would like to remind everyone to get out and vote. Thanked everyone for the get well wishes to Elections Clerk, JoAnn Kloack.

Treasurer

Still collecting for delinquent taxes. Also commented on looking for a folding machine for taxes and assessing; is finding that there very expensive. Chuck Henrich agreed to research prices and bring back next month.

Planning and Zoning Business

Buckley commented on the water and sewer connection fees. Buckley also commented on the recapture agreement and that he would be in contact with Mr. Lohrstorfer. Trustee O'Connor stated that he thought that the recapture agreement would be a bad idea. There was quite a bit of discussion about tap fees and cost with several of the board members.

Assessing

Excused

Public Safety

Olson commented on this being Fire Prevention Month. His department approached fire prevention from a different angle this year and has had favorable and cost saving results. Chief mentioned the collaboration together with Newton, Pennfield, Springfield, Bedford, Leroy, VA, and Air National Guard

for a special Fire Prevention Program that had a tremendous crowd turn-out. Also commented that the DEA Funding is dried up for proper Meth Lab clean up and there is no more government funding for this. Chief stated that we currently have three Public Safety Officers trained for approved Meth Lab clean-up. The clean-up can be very dangerous and require special containers. We have partnered with Marshall, Springfield and the State Police for future clean-up. There was more discussion on Meth Lab clean up. There was also discussion about a recent burning down of a house for training purposes. Olson also went over the report on calls for Service, Arrests, Citations Issued, Medicals, Fires, and all other calls. There was discussion on selling the old Dodge. Chief Olson had expressed that one of our own had a heart attack and that he also was the contact person for the purchase of the old Dodge; and the sale has been delayed.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

First reading of the Fireworks Ordinance
First reading of the Super Drunk Driving

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor Salary's increase was brought to everyone's attention by a hand out from Chuck Henrich. Hand-out also addressed raises for everyone on the administrative side along with the two public safety secretaries'. This opened up a lot of discussion on raises for everyone. Topic was later tabled.

Motion 12-10-4 by King/ Maichele to table Salary's

Roll Call Vote: O'Connor, Henrich, King, Maichele,
Talbot, Myers **EXCUSED**
Dougherty **NO**

YES MOTION CARRIED

New Office Furniture for Sargent's Chief Olson explains why they need the office furniture. Chief noted that they were getting it from Rolley Taft and that furniture would not exceed \$ 1,300.00

Motion 12-10-5 by King/ Henrich that Chief Olson may purchase office furniture not to exceed \$1,300.00 from Rolley Taft for Sergeant's office.

Roll Call Vote: O'Connor, Henrich, King, Maichele, Myers, and Dougherty
Talbot **NO**

YES MOTION CARRIED

Board Transparency Policy brought and explained to the board by O'Connor. There was a lot of discussion about the Transparency Policy. There was discussion on consistently not receiving their agenda packets in a timely manner at times. Understanding that things can sometimes happen and there could be delays at times, none the less everyone needs a fair shot to go over material. In regards to his interpretation of our Attorney's opinion.

Dougherty and had expressed his feelings towards this Policy. O'Connor had taken out some of the previous language that the Attorney had a problem with. Dougherty thought that the policy should be tabled because Policy had been changed from the original one that was sent out. Henrich commented that according to the little red book we do not even have to have an agenda that it's just a nice tool to go by as a guide line. O'Connor thinks the policy is great! There was a lot more discussion on this subject with all board members.

Motion12-10-6 by Henrich/ Maichele to approve the revised red line Transparency Policy as revised by Trustee O'Connor

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, King, Maichele, Myers, O'Connor **YES** **MOTION CARRIED**
Henrich, **Qualified YES** primarily it can be redone by in coming board or reversed.
Dougherty **NO**

P.O.'s That Need Approval

Electrical work in Apparatus bay roughly \$1000.00 for moving electrical outlets for the fire trucks that need to be charged when not running, bio hazard dryer, and some extra electrical outlets in Lieutenants offices. There were comments from board members on getting bids before the work is done. Chief stated that the work had already been done.

Motion12-10-7 by O'Connor /Henrich to approve the P.O. for \$1,000.00 for electrical work.

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

Public Comments

One comment/question from the public; will there be paper work available on the sewer issue from Randy Ramsey? A second question from same resident on information printed in the July minutes. Both questions were answered by board members.

A comment from a resident on giving bonuses instead of raises.

Trustee Comments

O'Connor

Congratulations to Trustee King, his wife and two other kids on the birth of his new daughter. Also would like to wish our Elections Clerk a quick recovery. Addressed the sewer issue with Mr. Ramsey and a 1.1 million dollar investment for around fifty years that we will find out more about next month. Also doesn't understand why Public Safety pays 2/3 of our monthly Land Contract Payment and the administrative side pays 1/3.

Henrich Commented on the meeting being 3 hours and having good debates and people not getting too angry. Also sorry to see that the lady that always sits in the front row was not here tonight. Still sees the reasoning behind Public Safety paying 2/3 of the Land Contract Payment as there's still utilities, Insurance and etc. etc. Make sure you vote and check out information on proposals.

Maichele

Nothing at this time.

King

Commented on daughter Berkley being born October 2, Mom and daughter are doing fine. Also commented that O'Connor's son took first place in the Cross Country Race. King also stated that he has hand outs and lots of other information about the Proposals and if anyone needs the information please contact Mr. King by e-mail or phone.

Talbot

Nothing at this time.

Myers

Would just like to make sure that everyone gets out and votes; and again would like to thank everyone that helped me get all absent voter ballots out.

Dougherty

Truly appreciates all the work the Trustee's do for the Township even though we have disagreements; and again appreciates all the information from everyone.

Adjournment

Motion 12-9-12 by Dougherty to Adjourn at 9:40 P.M.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Pat Dougherty Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers Clerk
Emmett Charter Township