

Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 20, 2012

Supervisor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday September 20, 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 12-9-4 by Talbot/ Dougherty to approve the Agenda with the following changes to first remove the first reading of the Fireworks Ordinance and second to move Bob Gregesen up before the first Public Comment.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 12-9-5 by Talbot / Dougherty 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 August 31, 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 – Was September 19, 2012

Z.B.A. Meeting – Cancelled

Next Township Board Meeting – October 11, 2012

## **MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 12-9-6 by Henrich/ Talbot to accept the Check Register with a question from a board member on lawn care of our Cemetery's sexton & Township grounds keeper responsibilities? This was answered by several of the Board Members. Also another question on ASI Security with a couple of questions on the two checks one for \$105.00 and the other for \$75.00 totaling \$180.00. Chief Olson answered this was for repairs on cameras from Public Safety and this was not a recurring bill.

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

**Bob Gregesen** – representing the trail-way alliance (OTT). No show

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Ortega & Craig Shoemaker representing Summit Pointe (a major mental health care provider to this area) on creating a recapture agreement to attempt to recapture some cost on extending water to their Apartments on Columbia Avenue. There was a lot of discussion with all Board Members on this subject on how much the charge would be for hook up to the residents. There was a lot more discussion on connection fees with all; including Attorney Lohrstorfer who explained a recapture agreement.

King with a question to Summit Pointe on whether they would be willing to give them terms like a sewer assessment would? Mr. Ortega said that he didn't see why not. Mr. Ortega said they would be glad to leave at this point and be able to come back at next Month's Board Meeting with a better understanding of a time line and fee and present the Board a more detailed proposal. The Board made an agreement to let Summit Pointe move forward on this project.

Motion 12-9-7 by O'Connor/ King to approve the Project Resolution as written based on a future or anticipated agreement with Summit Pointe to recap some of their money. Excluding the last paragraph based on us coming back with a recap agreement next month.

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

## **DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

### **Supervisor**

Nothing at this time

### **Clerk**

Would like everyone to know that we have all of our Military Ballots out before the September 22, 2012 deadline.

### **Treasurer**

Taxes were due on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 and that there is a 1% charge until the end of this month and a 1% charge will be added on at the first of each month until February 28, 2013. On March 1, 2013

they are turned over to County Treasurer as delinquent. Talbot all so commented on the fact that we always take partial payments.

### **Planning and Zoning Business**

Buckley apologized for not having the East Michigan Avenue Sanitary Sewer Study but should have them by the end of this month. The intent is for Randy to be here at next month's meeting to go over everything with the Board. Buckley also commented that he is continuing to work on getting information on Tap Fees for commercial. A number of entities' continue to use residential equivalent units & a calculation size of water line going into the property. A lot of them don't factor the water usage fee in that they would get in that tap. Buckley also commented on the fact that he and Steve Buller have met with some of the Marriott and that they are continuing to work. It sounds like they will have a site that's ready to build on in possibly three weeks.

### **Assessing**

Leslie Commented that they have been very busy finishing up reappraisals' also they are starting to do permit inspections for assessing purposes, and doing year-end sales studies.

King with a comment on all the houses Enbridge bought and the fact that they will be losing their homestead exemption soon and those taxes will be going up and this should help with some of the offset of taxes. Leslie agreed with this.

### **Public Safety**

Olson commented receiving 865 calls for service in August, Arrests being 187, Citations Issued being 235, Medicals being 76, Fires being 8, All other Fire Calls being 35, It has been another busy Month. Also commented on Citizens partnering together for neighborhood watch. We've tried to promote this with our Open House, National Night Out, and coming this next week Schools Fire Prevention Week. The following week we will be getting together with Newton and Penfield at Bailey Park for a special event. Olson's understanding that they will have Helicopter's again along with lots of interesting stuff for kids. Olson commented that Public Safety recognizes that they need to work within our community. Olson also stated the fact that there have been twelve burglaries in our Township within the last four weeks; four of them have been solved. We also have a warrant request out for a couple that have left the state with regards to a Strong Arm Robbery at an ATM at one of our local financial (Marshall Credit Union) institution. They have two in custody with the break in at JT Cycle on Golden Avenue. Olson also commented that the community is the best eyes we have out there and thinks that we all have the ability to work together to be watchful in your community.

O'Connor asked if we have the capability to a non-emergency number so that we don't have to pay additional charges to dispatch every time we call 911. Olson said the only thing we have now is Carol and Joan from 8-5 Monday thru Friday; and nothing other than that.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

EMMETT TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION T12-09  
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EMMETT TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION T12-11  
EMMETT TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION T12-12  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

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

NONE

**Public Comments**

A question from a resident on how Mr. Maichele is coming on paying back his business personal taxes? Maichele responded by saying he was making payments. Maichele was also asked if he had made arrangements with the Treasurer so that she had some kind of idea of when he was paying. Maichele said No that I usually make a payment on meeting nights. Same resident also asked the Board if things that were voted on while Mr. Maichele was not living in the Township would have to be voted on again or not. O'Connor responded by saying that legal counsel said everything was fine. Same resident also asked Mr. Maichele as to his position on the Board? Maichele responded a Trustee. Same resident asked if he knew what trustee meant. Maichele responded by saying yes.

A resident commented on the use of duplex instead of single paper for meetings.

**Trustee Comments****Henrich**

Commented on going down to the 1.275 mills are a savings of \$5.00 dollars on resident's taxes; it's the gesture that counts it lets the residents know that were trying to help. Also he was glad to hear that there moving ahead with the Marriot.

**O'Connor**

Glad that we were able to reduce that millage and would hope that we could go lower in the future. O'Connor also talked about the Public Safety (extra voted) of 1.0000 coming up for a vote this next year and that was the money that paid for these buildings all vehicles apparatus and maintence. O'Connor also mentioned he feels the mowing and trimming of our cemeteries; and the fact that he feels that Kuhn's Lawn Care has not done their job sufficiently it disappointed him.

**King**

Commented that maybe we need to do a spot check on the Cemetery's from time to time. Also thinks that it was a great discussion on Summit Pointe.

**Maichele**

Glad to see the Special Assessment going down, also glad to see that Summit Pointe and the Marriot is coming that means more jobs. Also thanks to the Revenue Sharing.

**Talbot**

Nothing at this time.

**Myers**

I would just like to remind people that we do have another Election coming up on November 6, 2012. We could still use some more workers because some are not able to work. Please contact Clerk if interested.

**Dougherty**

Thanked Tim Hill for all the time he’s already putting in here as he will be the future Supervisor. Hill has put a lot of his personal time learning to see how things run and attending the AMSA meeting.

O’Connor with a question about AMSA having a meeting with regards to the 911. Dougherty responded by saying that in his opinion’s they didn’t push as hard as they could have and that he was not sure why they don’t want to bring it back up. Olson said that he had approached Frank Petersen to see if this would be put back on the ballot and has yet to hear back from him.

Dougherty said that now that we have a seat on this Board we will be asking more questions about all of this. King on why are we the second or third biggest entity on the C.C.C.D.A. and we do not have a seat on the Board representation other than AMSA.

Dougherty commented that these are the kind of questions that we will be working on in the future.

**Adjournment**

Motion 12-9-12 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