

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EMMETT
Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 2019

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday September 12, 2019. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The pledge of allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE-

Brown, Buller, Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Add: Discussion on the Tire Store on Wattles Rd., iCompass Software Purchase & Budget Adjustment, and Board Policy/Procedure Committee under New Business.

Motion 19-09-01 by Brown/Gunning to approve the Agenda with Additions.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Brown
Hill

SIX YES
ONE NO

Qualified:

Hill (NO)- The Wattles Rd.; My Qualification I guess is I think this should be discussed in an office because they're not here tonight.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-02 by Buller/Myers-Malone to approve the minutes drafted by Clerk, Myers-Malone from July 10, 2019 with corrections from Mr. Buller.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, Brown, and Buller

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-03 by Buller/Myers to approve the minutes drafted by Clerk, Myers-Malone from July 11, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, Brown, and Buller

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-04 by Buller/Myers to approve the minutes drafted by Clerk, Myers-Malone from August 1, 2019 with an addition to the header for the purpose of the Meeting, "Public Forum: To Discuss Limiting Medical Marijuana Licenses and Discuss Recreational Marijuana".

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, Brown, and Buller

ALL YES

Qualified:

Hill (YES)- Has issues with minutes. Looking back there are things that are opinionated and not factual and points a negative picture towards certain Board Members, thinks that really needs to be cleaned up. He will not sign the minutes until they are correct.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-05 by Buller/Hill to approve the minutes drafted by Clerk, Myers-Malone from August 8, 2019.
Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, Brown, and Buller **ALL YES**

Qualified:

Dougherty (YES)- We went through the April meeting and Roberts Rules of Order were not followed.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-06 by Myers-Malone/Brown to Receive and file the monthly Treasurer’s report with balances on hand as of August 31, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, Hill, & Myers **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

General fund	\$ 2,175,085.05
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 684,735.64
Sanitation fund	\$ 1,548,001.26
Project V Sewer fund	(\$ 225,605.23)
Drug forfeiture Fund	\$ 36,137.60
Public Safety fund	\$ 291,199.29
Public Safety Extra	\$ 708,790.16
Beadle Lake weed	\$ 4,660.78
Econ Dev. Corp.	\$ 2,700.88
Public Safety Explosive-Bomb K9	\$ 11,402.53

Motion 19-09-07 by Gunning/Buller to approve Randy Ramsey from CEI to go forward with the testing of lead services in the Emmett Township Community.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, Buller, & Hill **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER-

Motion 19-09-08 by Gunning/Brown to accept the Check Register as printed.

Roll Call Vote: Brown, Gunning, Buller, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, and Hill **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL VERBAL REPORTS-

Supervisor, Tim Hill- The Signs are not paid for by the Township, but the Township does receive a stipend of \$5,000 for each sign for ten years. The facing will be done in the next couple weeks and will look really nice with rocks. The Signs will also have the Emmett Township name on them. The next Agenda we will have to talk about capping Medical Marihuana and talk about Recreational Marihuana. The deadline for Recreational Marihuana OPT-OUT is November 6th. The H2 Hotel on 6-1/2-Mile Road is really seeing development. The apartment complex to finish paperwork with gas line issue (easement).

Clerk, Tracy Myers- Malone-

Elections- Letters are being sent out to past inspectors about the March 10th Presidential Primary (2020) that we are starting to prepare for as well as setting up a 2-year Certification Training on February 25th at the Kellogg Arena. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in your community this is a great way to meet new people and make some extra money. We are in need of Election Inspectors.

The ICC machine has arrived and our representative will be here to set it up and train us on the high-speed scanner, Monday September 16, 2019 at 8am.

If you haven't signed up to be on our permanent absent voter list please consider it, come into the office to sign up or visit the website, www.emmett.org and follow the tabs; Township Government → Clerks Office → Elections Information → Permanent Absent Voter List.

Cemetery- Please be aware that fall clean-up is right around the corner, dumpsters are available for your use. Please pick up any decorations that you don't want disposed of by the Sexton before October 1st (see cemetery Bi-laws).

The Clerks Department has been busy cleaning up the Records Room and Re-Organizing the documents based on the State Retention Schedule for various items, but saving historical documents even if they are not required. I've been accepted as a member onto the MAMC Legislative Committee and an alternate on the CEO Committee that meets once a month in Delta Township to discuss several different topics that Clerks across the state feel need to be changed in legislature.

Still doing some research on the possibility of our Township becoming a place to process Passports for extra revenue.

The Office will be Closed October 14th in Observance of Columbus Day.

Happy Fall, enjoy all of the changes of the season 😊

2020 Censes Report:

Now, Address Canvassing (door to door)

January 2020, Advertising Begins

March 12-20, Postcards arrive in the mail

March 16-24, invite for online form sent out

March 26-April 3, Reminder Postcard sent out

April 8-16, Reminder Letter & Paper Form for Rural Residents

April 20-27, Final Postcard Mailing

May-July 2020, Enumerators Canvassing

*Results to the President January 2021.

*Results to States in March 2021.

*Potential Shifts in Congressional seats based on population estimates.

Treasurer, Rachelle Myers-

-Summer Tax Bills 2019 due date is September 16th, 2019. Any payments made after will be subject to interest of 1% per month.

-When using the Drop Box please use the envelopes provided, remember to place only checks, no cash

-Recycling Cards are still available; please stop by the office to pick yours up

-Dog License are available online, visit Calhoun County's Web site. A list of available Vet Office is listed on the Emmett Twp Facebook site.

-Township Office hours are Monday-Thursday 7 am thru 4:30 pm, office is open during lunch hours.

-Please note Township will be closed Monday October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

PLANNING & ZONING-

Motion 19-09-09 by Gunning/Buller to approve 1399 East Michigan Avenue Site Plan Review & Conditional Use for Medical Marihuana pending a complete site plan review by township officials that confirms all township ordinance requirements have been met and shown on the site plan. Before the business can open, they must have all licensing requirements met by the state and the township. Public Safety has the right to do local checks and visit home areas to talk with neighbors and associates.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Brown, Gunning, Buller, & Hill
Myers-Malone & Dougherty

FIVE YES
TWO NOS

Qualified:

Myers (YES)- Yes, that corner had been dilapidated for quite some time and I hesitated on my vote because of the closeness of the school. Hopes we move forward with the committee and that the code is enforced as well as the Board keeping these businesses accountable, so we can keep safe, sound, and respectable for all citizens especially the younger ones.

Dougherty (NO)- Got an elementary, church, and next door a food pantry. Doesn't think it's an appropriate location.

Brown (YES)- The building is such a mess, need something to clean it up, doesn't like the closeness to the church/ school, but if they regulate and take care of it.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-10 by Gunning/Hill to approve 1125 East Michigan Avenue Site Plan & Conditional Use for Medical Marihuana pending a complete site plan review by township officials that confirms all township ordinance requirements have been met and shown on the site plan. Before the business can open, they must have all licensing requirements met by the state and the township. Public Safety has the right to do local checks and visit home areas to talk with neighbors and associates.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Hill, Myers, Brown, & Gunning
Myers-Malone & Dougherty

FIVE YES
TWO NOS

Qualified:

Buller (YES)- Thinking that we've finally reached our saturation point and we need a talking point at our next Board meeting and hopes the Supervisor comes prepared with a couple different variations of ordinance amendment.

Myers (YES)- Concern of odors that effect neighbors, hopes the code is enforced. Also hopes this business is reminded to be neighborly and to abide by the ordinance.

Dougherty (NO)- Guys coming in with all this money (has no problem with people making money) but concerned that long standing businesses won't be able to afford to stay. Opened a can of worms. Thinks we need legal advice to what's going on.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-11 to approve Tower Rd. Conditional Use & Site Plan Review for Mini Storage Facility located at 10-265-015-00.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, Hill, Brown, and Buller

ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED

ASSESSING- None.

PUBLIC SAFETY-



	<u>8/19</u>	<u>7/19</u>
Complaints/ Calls for Service	747	858
Criminal Complaints	<u>189</u>	<u>220</u>
Total	936	1078
Citations	94	94
Motor Carrier	34	38
Traffic Crashes	43	31
Arrests	33	42
Fire Calls	122	171

As you can see, we continue to be active with investigations with almost 1000 calls for service. Fire response was a little less than expected for August but kept everyone busy.

We are still getting inquiries, so I wanted to say that in reference to the drowning incident on Beadle Lake back in July, we received the toxicology and Medical examiners report and the Medical Examiner’s office ruled the incident as an accidental drowning.

The first day of school went off without any major issues reported and our officers are back to making stops at the school during the day. Please watch for buses and kids at bus stops while you are driving on the roads.

August’s fire training was River Rescue and Boat Operations. I want to reiterate to people that go out on the river kayaking or tubing that they do so earlier in the day so that they are off the water by dark. The department had two more river rescues last month where people got caught on the river after dark, could not see and needed assistance getting to a safe location.

In September, we are having use of force training for law enforcement officers, along with extrication training on the fire side. On another note I would like to add that phone scams are still very prevalent, and remind everyone not to give any personal or banking information out to anyone over the phone. Anyone that asks you to send them money on a gift card or iTunes card is almost always trying to scam you out of your money. If you have questions, feel free to call and talk to someone at the department about it.

I hope everyone has a great month and enjoys the rest of their summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None.

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS-

Motion 19-09-12 by Myers-Malone/Hill to approve Resolution T19-06, Street Light Millage.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Buller, Myers, Hill, Myers-Malone, Dougherty, & Brown **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 19-09-13 by Myers-Malone/Dougherty to approve Resolution T19-07, 2019 Tax Millage Rates.

Roll Call Vote: Brown, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Hill, Buller, Myers & Gunning **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion 19-09-14 by Dougherty/Myers to approve the purchase of the iCompass Software & make a budget adjustment of \$7,000 from 101-276-970.00 to 101-209-970.00.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Hill, Myers, Buller, Gunning, and Brown **ALL YES**

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Resident stated that he heard all of the lead pipes are to be replaced in the next twenty years in the City of Battle Creek, he doesn't want to see Emmett Township to have to pay for the replacement of all the lead pipes in Post Addition. Likes the idea of own Water/Sewer System.

Great Lakes Holistic spokesperson stated that they are the only operational and locally owned Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center. They wish to be involved in the Township. They are asking for an amendment to the current ordinance to cap licensing. Believes that local businesses should come first and that there will be an oversaturation of the Market. Wants to see discretion and control in the cannabis market.

Resident asked about the start time of the next meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS-

Brown- Agree with Pat, if you go in to the Office and have questions they will get them answered.

Dougherty- Thanked the Treasurer, Clerk, and the staff up front they are doing a marvelous job, and they don't get enough credit.

Myers-Malone- None.

Hill- iCompass to resolve some problems. Tracy really went into detail.

Myers- Wish that when we first started the meeting, we spent close to fifteen minutes on item changes and thinks we could be more efficient if conversation between individuals happened before and changes could be brought to the Board to buzz through the changes that need to be made.

Buller- None.

Gunning- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19-09-15 by Buller/Myers to adjourn at 7:55p.m.

Voice Vote

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

*Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township*

*Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township*