

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2016**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 8, 2016. 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 MEMBER ATTENDANCE

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

QUORUM PRESENT

Entered into Public Hearing for Public Safety Millage No. 01 of 2010 and hearing for IFT on Flex & Gate for an IFT for an expansion of their building.

Mike Leslie started off by explaining what the IFT for Flex N Gate was about and that it would help the Township to have the factory (Flex -N- Gate) staying in Emmett Township and not moving to Indiana. Leslie explained that by also giving them the tax abatement it would be bringing more jobs to the Township.

Chief Olson started by explaining the Public Safety Millage No. 01 of 2010 that the Board has to discuss and set millage rate after a Public Hearing for half an hour. Olson also explained that when Public Safety put their budget together for this upcoming year 2016-17 was with the Public Safety Millage No. 01 of 2010 set at 1.5. There was much discussion on this issue with the Board, especially since 911 dispatch has gone up so much in the past few years. Olson said that when he started 911 dispatch was at around \$90,000.00 per year and is now around \$250,000.00. Olson also stated that General Fund Operating Millage has been the same for the past forty years at .8432.

Leslie explained that when they first set this Special Assessment the Board set the millage at 1.375 and in the last few years it has gone down once to 1.275 then back up to 1.375 and then last year it was set at 1.5. Olson stated that it would be his recommendation to keep the millage at 1.5.

There was much discussion with the Public and the Board about the cost of 911 Dispatch and calls made to 911 and the cost to the residents that make those calls. Olson explained about the calls and how our vehicles are dispatched to calls.

Motion 16-09-01 by Buller / Talbot to come out of Public Hearing for Public Safety Millage and Flex-N-Gate IFT.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 16-09-02 by Buller / Gunning to go into Regular Board Meeting
Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Jacox, and Hill
Dougherty – Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 16-09-03 by Gunning / Jacox to approve the September 8, 2016 Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers with adding the loan for the New Street Light Contract.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 16-09-04 by Talbot / Jacox to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: August 31, 2016

General Fund	\$	1,212,719.05
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$	221,067.12
Sanitation Fund	\$	311,005.66
Project V Sewer Fund	\$	(6,987.89)
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$	39,938.23
Public Safety Fund	\$	43,014.49
Public Safety Extra	\$	469,886.59
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$	14,154.32

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed if any.

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

Motion to acknowledge the enforcement of Article III, Noxious Weeds, and to authorize The Township Treasurer to place a Tax Lien against the following to include an additional \$25.00 Administrative Fee:

PROPERTIES:

OWNERS

COST

NONE

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – To be announced meeting times are @ 5:30 p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – To be Announced
- Next Township Board Meeting –October 13, 2016 @ 5:30p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 16-09-05 by Jacox/ Talbot to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill commented on Flex-N-Gate, and said with the help of Leslie, Battle Creek Unlimited, & Emmett Economic Development Emmett Board approved an IFT Tax abatement for the next 12 years the company (Flex-N-Gate will add on an addition to the building and allow the hiring of 37-49 new employees.

Clerk

Myers stated that along with Leslie’s help on the Flex-N-Gate IFT and the Street Light Millage and also the Public Safety Millage District No. 01 of 2010. Myers also commented that we have been busy getting ready for the November 8, 2016 Election. Myers thanked Leslie and Olson for all their help.

Treasurer

Talbot stated that they have been super busy collecting taxes. She also commented that next Wednesday September 14, 2016 is the last day to pay without any penalty and if you wait until the last day be prepared to wait in line. Talbot also stated that there is a locked black box out front that you can leave your payment in up until 7:00 a.m. in the morning before she arrives and they would still be in before she would apply the late payment. Talbot also commented on working with Leslie on the loan for the Street Light Millage

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon – Stated that they have a Conditional Use Permit for 711 Emmett Street for Used Auto Sales for Keyes Auto Body in which the Planning Commission approved until they receive their State License for selling used cars and bring a copy to the Township. There was much conversation with Mr. Mead and Supervisor Hill and several Board Members. Mr. Jacox then stated that if he’s been running the business for a year and a half without the license, Jacox believes he should have to pay the Township Used Vehicle Permit Fee of \$150.00 for the year and a half that the owner of Keyes Auto Body said he didn’t have a license, the owner of Keyes Auto Body said he didn’t have a problem with that.

Motion 16-09-06 by Gunning/ Myers to allow the Conditional Use Permit to Keyes Auto Body at 711 Emmett Street until they receive their State License for Used Auto Sales.

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

Hill- Qualified YES the reason we moved this through is because we want businesses to stay in Emmett and more to come into Emmett Township.

Assessing

Leslie – Commented that the Assessing Department has been very busy doing Building Inspections for assessing purposes and that he has also been working hard with Talbot, Myers and Consumers on getting the conversion to LED streetlights. Leslie stated that LED Streetlights would be cheaper to run, have less outages as they last longer and they would be safer as the lights are nice and bright. Leslie went over the contracts from Consumers Energy and the estimated cost of the conversion and that eventually the cost to the residents would be a lot less. Talbot went over the Loan from Chemical Bank and stated that it would be 2.79 percent with no fees on the General Obligation loan and no extra fees for 10 years.

Motion 16-09-07 by Myers/ Gunning to move ahead with the Streetlight Millage and proposal for the new LED lights along with all contracts that were read and Resolution T16-21,22, & 23 to be signed by Supervisor and Clerk and also the contract for the loan to pay for the exchange to LED lights.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson –Started by thanking everybody and then preceded to go over his report by stating that calls for service went up along with medicals. Olson explained that they received their rescue boat they were awarded per a grant through Enbridge and the Conservation Club. Public Safety can now go on rescues to Beadle Lake and also on the Kalamazoo River. Olson also stated that they have been out on the new rescue boat a few times now and that it will be a great addition to the Township and a big thank you to

Jesse Jacox as he helped out a lot. Olson also commented that Public Safety has transitioned over to the new 9-millimeter hand guns and have been doing the training for them. Olson then stated that the 40 caliber and the 380's were sent back and that it seems that this is a good transition and that we will be paying a lot less for ammunition. Olson commented that Public Safety should receive Body Cams this month. Lastly Olson stated that with school starting there would be more patrols working the school areas.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Resolution T16-18 IFT is for a tax abatement for Flex-N-Gate Factory for a new addition that will bring around 37-49 jobs here to the Township. The tax abatement will be for twelve years.

Motion 16-09-08 by Gunning / Jacox to move forward with the IFT for Flex-N-Gate Factory on F Drive South.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution T16-19 is the Special Assessment District No.01 of 2010 where the Board of Trustees review the 2016 budget for Public Safety and present this resolution to set the millage rate to be assessed for properties located in Emmett Township for Special Assessment District No.01 of 2010 at a rate 1.5

Motion 16-09-09 by Jacox / Buller to set the Special Assessment District No.01 of 2010 at a rate of 1.5

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

Dougherty – Excused

Buller – Qualified YES tough task ahead of us that as of the upcoming year we need to be looking at cutting 200,000.00 dollars.

Resolution T16-09-20 to set 2016 Tax Millage Rates, the adoption of this millage is so that the Township Treasurer is authorized to collect said property taxes for the 2016 Winter Tax Roll. Rates are Allocated .8432, Public Safety (extra voted) 1.6990, Public Safety (extra voted) 1.0000 for a total of 3.5422.

Motion 16-09-10 by Gunning / Buller to approve the 2016 Tax Millage Rates for a total of 3.5422

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

Dougherty – Excused

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PO's -

None

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident upset about someone running for Emmett Supervisor and what he's doing to his opponent and also if he ran for a position in the City how can he run for a position in the Township maybe News 3 can look into this.

Resident on meeting time and hearing the Board.

Walter Smith Randolph with questions on the gun issued and can anyone purchase a gun. Chief Olson explained the gun issue by saying that if the CEO of the Township wants to borrow a weapon he can do so as CEO of the Township and he the Supervisor did have his certification. Olson stated that would he do it again probably not, Hill does have a license to carry.

Resident on the Township being open at least half a day on Friday something to think about.

Resident on clock being fast and also asked the Board if anyone had any information on the house on Euclid and the corner of Alden.

Resident on the money that the Township is saving by being closed on Fridays and being open from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Jacox Stated that he watches Channel 3 News all the time and that they need to comment on more positive things instead of so many negative.

Buller – commented that we need to look into lap tops or tablets to try and save some trees as the packets are so big and maybe going into the next Board paperless. Also commented about the Credit Card Machine and where we were with now Talbot explained that she had called and has not heard back.

Gunning – Stated that tablets would be a good idea and also people need to talk about the roads and decide what they want.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 16-09-11 by Hill at 6:40 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**



Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township



Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township