

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
September 17, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. on Thursday August 17, 2015. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street Battle Creek, MI 49014.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Motion 15-09-02 by Gunning / Jacox to move into regular board meeting.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Zoning Ordinance #1 of 2015

Mr. Tuck explained the Ordinance' this was an update of the current Zoning Ordinance, Resulting from a combination of 2 years of study and evaluation. A comparison of the Townships Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Acts as required by the State of Michigan was conducted. There were several changes to Conditional Use Permits, Minor Home Occupations and Farm Stands. The full Ordinance can be viewed at the Township.

Motion 15-09-03 by Dougherty / Talbot to except Ordinance #1 of 2015

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 15-09-04 by Talbot/ Gunning to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 15-09-05 by Talbot/ Jacox to approve the Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: August 31, 2015

General Fund	\$ 1,177,935.70
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 401,897.86
Sanitation Fund	\$ 385,162.39
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 23,111.99

Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$	38,907.23
Public Safety Fund	\$	(23,381.46)
Public Safety Extra	\$	451,861.23
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$	26,941.24

The Monthly Departmental Report:

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 for administrative fees.

PROPERTIES:	OWNERS:	
7653 ANWAY DR.	ING DIRECT	\$44.00+ 25.00 = \$69.00
903 MICHIGAN AVE.	IA PETROLEUM LLC.	\$33.00+ 25.00 = \$58.00
48 ENWOOD STREET	CHARLES CAMPBELL	\$33.00+ 25.00 = \$58.00
14684 PETAL LANE	RICHARD DES VOIGNES	\$66.00+ 25.00 = \$91.00
52 W. ALDEN AVE.	MIKE BUNDY	\$33.00+ 25.00 = \$58.00
15075 61/2 MILE RD	TAMARA GUTHRIE	\$110.00+25.00=\$135.00
166 WESTBROOK	KIMBERLY J. YODER	\$33.00+ 25.00 = \$58.00
524 RAYMOND RD	LESTER, KEELER	\$154.00+25.00 = \$179.00
109 KIMBALL AVE.	JOHN E. ERMEL ET UX	\$66.00+ 25.00 = \$91.00

Motion 15-09-06 by Talbot / Jacox to approve all 9 lawn mowing's
Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot and Hill,

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Rhonda Tyler to ask Administration to waive fee for ramp for her mother.
RHONDA TYLER, 200 EMBURY DR. BATTLE CREEK, FOR A RAMP BUILD FOR RHONDA'S MOTHER WHO LIVES WITH HER. THIS IS A 24 ½ FOOT WOODEN RAMP (AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION).

Motion 15-09-07 by Jacox / Talbot to waive the administrative fee.
Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

This application for the ramp for Rhonda Tyler's mother actually brought up a lot of questions as to why ramps would cause an assessment tax to the resident. After much discussion Mike Leslie was asked to look into this further and possibly bring some more information back to next month's meeting.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 15-09-08 by Gunning/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

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 8, 2015

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill commented that the Farmer's Market is every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Halloween at which there will be a zombie walk. There were a couple of questions on signage; needs to have a bigger sign. Tim referred any questions please contact Wendy Graves at wgraves@emmett.org.

Clerk

Myers – Deputy Stone and I have been busy working on our cemetery books along with a couple of cemetery issues. Monday on 9-14-2015 was a very busy day with tax collection.

Treasurer

Talbot commented that the office was extremely short staffed on the week of September 8, 2015 with several people being gone. Talbot thanked Brandi, Trish and Linda for helping her because 3 girls were gone. Talbot also commented on the fact that she was still working on delinquent personal property taxes and stated that ones that have not been paid will be going to court.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon- Already taken care of by Kim Tuck Ordinance #1 of 2015.

Assessing

Leslie commented that the Assessing Department has been busy working on reappraisals of the Township. Leslie has been working on Land Tables. He would also like to thank the Board for the new server. Leslie also commented on hopefully receiving the new truck sometime next week. (9-27-2015)

Question on whether or not Shirley or Mike go through gates that are shut Leslie stated that they did not go through locked gates.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Public Safety Report then proceeded to give an update by saying that activity remained the same for the month. Chief stated that they continue to using the new software. Olson stated that they took the opportunity to put the new Tower 7 firetruck outside tonight so that everyone could have an opportunity to check it out. Olson also stated that an engineer from Suftin stayed three days to train the department on the new truck. The new Tower 7 is not in service yet as there are a few things that are still needed that we will be discussing in the PO's. Olson also explained that the new Tower 7 can pump up to two thousand gallons a minute out of both nozzles. Chief also went over the I-94 shootings and asked that if anyone sees anything suspicious please call 911. There was a question on who would all be driving the new truck. Olson stated that he was not sure about that yet.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

RESOLUTION T15-07 2015 STREET LIGHT MILLAGE RATE

Motion 15-09-09 by Gunning / Talbot to approve the Street Light Millage to .7595 from .7543 to all properties located with the currently established street light districts.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION T 15-08 2015 MILLAGE RATE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO.01 OF 2010

Motion 15-09-10 by Jacox / Buller to move the millage rate up to 1.5 for the upcoming year.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Qualifications

Talbot – no one wants to pay more taxes.

Gunning-does not support the way it was brought about originally in 2010.

Myers- worries about people that can't pay and don't have the money to pay.

RESOLUTION T 15-09 2015 TAX MILLAGE RATES

Motion 15-09-11 by Talbot / Dougherty to except the tax millage rates for the 2015 Winter Tax Roll Allocated.8432, Public Safety (extra voted)1.6990, Public Safety (extra voted) 1.0000,for a total of 3.5422.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION T 15-10 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 15-10 WYNCREST / HOYT PAVING PROJECT

Motion 15-09-12 by Buller / Gunning to move ahead with the Wyncrest /Hoyt paving project.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

PO's

Chief Olson explained all of the PO's to the Board.

Motion 15-09-13 by Dougherty / Jacox and the Board Ok'd for all PO's #15-3201,15-3202,15-3203,15-3233,15-3236,15-3239,15-3230,15-3229,15-3228,15-3214, to be approved at one time.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident on Zahrions making progress on his building.

Resident would like to see ramps free for people.

Resident on public being asked how they feel about a vote before the Board votes.

Resident on this Board being easily recognized for comments.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Jacox – Thanked the Board for his excused absences. Also would like all to know that this upcoming month is Breast Cancer Awareness.

Dougherty– Furnaces are necessary for both buildings also looks like we have some loose shingles on the Administration Side. Also Harper Creek is asking all to participate in a survey for a new Community Building for all to participate go to Harpercreek.net. Question on how it would be funded the answer was a millage for more money.

Buller – explained that there was a County Road meeting in which Pennfield passed an Ordinance to have heavy trucks not go through their Township instead they would be rerouted through Emmett and other Townships in the area. Township needs to let the County know that they protest this Ordinance as it will affect our roads.

Motion 15-09-14 by Buller / Jacox for the Supervisor to request that the County proceed with the opposition.

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

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Gunning- Nothing at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 15-09-15 by Hill at 7:40 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township