

Charter Township of Emmett  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 13, 2014

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 13, 2014. 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**

Dougherty, Jacox, Myers, Buller, and Hill  
Gunning, Talbot – EXCUSED

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion 14-11-01 by Jacox/ Buller to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion 14- 11-02 by Dougherty/Jacox to approve Consent Agenda

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

***Treasurer's Report:***

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: October 31, 2014,

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund          | \$ 665,163.36   |
| SW Emmett Sewer/Water | \$ 1,465,182.48 |
| Sanitation Fund       | \$ 332,263.80   |
| Project V Sewer Fund  | \$ 131,388.74   |
| Drug Forfeiture Fund  | \$ 45,787.60    |
| Public Safety Fund    | \$ 17,229.51    |
| Public Safety Extra   | \$ 361,937.52   |

***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 administrative fee:

PROPERTIES:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 126 Culberson Street Owner Kimberly Gray | \$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$69.00 |
| 17975 9 ½ Mile Road Owner Don Carpenter  | \$44.00 + \$25.00 = \$69.00 |

Motion 14-11-03 by Buller/Myers to place lawn mowing’s on tax lien against these properties.

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

**Announcements:**

- Township Planning Commission – Meeting December 3, 2014 at 5:30p.m. ( **new time**)
- Z.B.A. Meeting – to be announced
- Next Township Board Meeting – December 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER**

Motion 14-11-04 by Dougherty/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed. **ALL YES**  
Roll Call Vote: Buller, Dougherty, Jacox, Myers, and Hill, **MOTION CARRIED**  
Gunning, Talbot-- EXCUSED

**DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS**

**Supervisor**

Hill commented on getting ready for winter around the Township he stated that if you see a pothole please report them to the County. We should be getting our awnings installed at the Township very soon. Lastly Hill asked Jacox about Gardner Brothers spreading out the dirt on the eastside of the building; Jacox stated that Gardner Brothers will be spreading the dirt around the Township around the end of November or mid-December.

**Clerk**

Myers thanked all election workers for another great job everything went well now taking care of all election equipment and paper work.

**Treasurer**

Talbot- Excused

**Planning and Zoning Business**

Brandi DeShon asked the Board to approve a Site Plan and Conditional Use for 1014 East Columbia Avenue for proposed business Car City as they would like a bigger area. There were a few questions asked by a couple of the Board Members that were answered by owner Jeff Baker.

Motion 14-11-05 by Myers/ Dougherty to approve the Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit to Jeff Baker for the 1014 East Columbia address the to Car City.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Assessing**

Leslie - Excused

**Public Safety**

Chief Olson went over the Public Safety Report and then commented on Break-ins being up around the Township and if you see anything please report it. Also the fact that retail fraud continues to rise, Public Safety has remained busy. Chief Olson also commented on the issue with Officer Ben Hall and the fact that he had been on the television show Real. Olson also stated that we should receive our pumper truck soon and the latter truck possibly around April or May.

October 2014 Monthly Activity Synopsis

The following is the activity for the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety:

|                                      |            | <u>Previous Month:</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| <b>Complaints/Calls for Service:</b> | <b>642</b> | <b>523</b>             |
| <b>Arrests:</b>                      | <b>160</b> | <b>143</b>             |
| <b>Citations Issued:</b>             | <b>160</b> | <b>167</b>             |
| <b>Medicals:</b>                     | <b>74</b>  | <b>62</b>              |
| <b>Fires:</b>                        | <b>6</b>   | <b>3</b>               |
| <b>All other Fire Calls:</b>         | <b>28</b>  | <b>18</b>              |

The Department investigated 26 retail fraud complaints during the month, 15 Assaults, 21 Breaking and Entering's, 12 Family Trouble or Domestic Violence complaints, 6 Violations of Controlled Substances, 5 Narcotics Equipment Violations, 30 Obstructing Justice/Obstructing Police complaints, 44 Other Person Trouble complaints, 32 Property Damage Accidents, 5 Personal Injury Accidents and 3 Hit and Run Accidents. We also investigated or provided another 50 Citizen Assists for our residents.

I want to, once again, thank the Board and the residents of Emmett Township for their continued support of the Department of Public Safety. We continue to move forward with the addition of the new trucks approved by the Board and the financial support of our residents. It is anticipated that the Pumper/Engine should arrive before the end of the year. The aerial device will not be completed until the April or May time frame. We truly thank all of you and the new equipment will help us better serve the residents of our township.

Finally, as you know we have received some great publicity when PSO Ben Hall purchased the car seat for the young lady and her child. Well, the television show called “The Real” is flying him out to California on November 5, 2014 and they will be doing a show with him. He is scheduled to return on Friday, November 7, 2014. That is all the information I have right now.

Chief Mike Olson  
Emmett Township Department of Public Safety

### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Emmett Charter Township Resolution **T14-12 Resolution** for the Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015

Motion 14-11-06 by Buller/ Jacox to Approve **Resolution T14-12** Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Civil Engineers, Inc. Sewer Issue (Randy Ramsey)*

Randy Ramsey from CEI went through a power point on the sewer issue in Emmett Township with the Board and the public that attended the meeting. There were a lot of questions from the Board and the public about the issues with the Casino and the Sewer System. There was discussion on the two phases and the cost and what would be the most important to start with. Phase 1: the generator, upgrade the pumps, and take care of the odor, the cost for this would be between \$350,000 - \$400,000 thousand. The design has to be approved by Battle Creek and the DEQ. Dougherty commented that we need to check with legal counsel.

Motion 14-11-07 by Dougherty/ Jacox for Tim Hill (Supervisor) to move ahead with legal counsel for Sewer issue to move ahead with phase 1 agreement with CEI Randy Ramsey.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

### **Purchase Orders That Need Approval**

No Purchase Orders at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

False Alarm Fees for 2015

Olson explained the false alarm fees to the Board and said that he believes that the fees are where they need to be at this time.

Motion 14-11-08 by Buller/ Myers to continue the fees for the False Alarm Fees for 2015.

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

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comments**

*NONE*

**Trustee Comments**

**Buller-** would like to see us look at our Cost Recovery to recoup our cost. This brought about some discussion on the Cereal City Recycling Fire and the fact that the Township had not received any money thus far.

**Dougherty-** Nothing at this time.

**Jacox –** Zahrion has started working on the Wattles Park Store remodeling. Jacox also asked Buller about the Michigan Irrigation Building. Buller stated that the inside was finished and all they had left to do was the drive.

**Adjournment**

Motion 14-11-9 by Dougherty/ Jacox to Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Voice Vote:  
Gunning, Talbot - Excused

**ALL YES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor  
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk  
Emmett Charter Township