

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the December 8, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 7:00 pm by Supervisor Jim Brown at the township hall

Roll Call: Brown, A. Mennell, Phillips, Wetzel, K Murphy, R. Mennell, and Partridge

Also Present: 6 guests,

Public Comment

Mike Smith – asked about enforcement township can do on improper burning of hazardous materials, Craig Stolsonburg introduced himself as candidate for County Clerk in 2016

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy seconded by R. Mennell to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

County Clerk Pamela Palmer – introduced herself and her credentials for county clerk’s position and discussed changes in the CPL law.

Unfinished Business

1. Furnaces and air conditioner replacement – Ken Wisner from Aire Serv Heating & Air Conditioning
2. Discussed how he thinks to properly replace our current system and bring up to code we need to put in an air exchange system which would result in remodeling utility room and upgrading electrical system. No bid presented but would prepare later if we agree to his analysis. Received bid from Welton’s Heating and Cooling for \$8,535.00, another vendor came to view and did not submit a bid. Decided to table decision for further discussion at next meeting.

New Business:

1. 2016 Board meeting dates motion by Murphy and seconded by Wetzel to accept the schedule presented by the clerk for the 2016 dates which are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except for those which coincide with elections and will be held on the third Tuesday. MOTION CARRIED – 7 ayes.
2. 2015 Budget amendments, Clerk a Mennell proposed reducing the 2015 budget by a total of \$10,300 in the following areas: Township Hall reduce by \$2,500, Fire Services reduce \$9,000, Assessor increase by \$300, Treasurer Increase by \$250 and Recycling increase bu \$650.00. Motion made by Wetzel to reduce the 2015 budged as proposed by clerk Partridge, seconded by Murphy. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.
3. Approved Board of Review members attending a meeting in February which needs the fee in before next meeting to get reduce rate.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the warrants totaling \$12,941.96. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report –Gibson on DPS and other items

**E-911: - still trying to fill opening on the board

**JPA report – no meeting

**Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Murphy, seconded by Wetzel to accept the treasurer’s report as presented and place on file Roll call vote MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays,

**Clerk –election audit result and March ballot application will require choosing Republican or Democratic

****Supervisor Brown – BIRCH held annual meeting here, cost of MISS DIG increasing substantially and requested permission to talk to the county and the school about their covering the cost as it is solely for their benefit, permission granted. Will be invoicing MENSCH for the emergency services recovery fee that was agreed to in the contract for the IFTA received in 2014.**

Board member comments:

Murphy – 911 has free smoke detectors for those in need.

Public Comments: –E. Phillips, local contractor commented how the township is grandfathered into being able to replace our current heating & cooling system without having to be brought up to the 2015 code.

Further discussion by the board on the heating and cooling situation resulted in Partridge making a motion to accept the current bid from Welton's for the replacement and seconded by Brown. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjourn: Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk