

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the January 12, 2016
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,(Partridge arrived at 7:10 pm)

Also Present: 3 guests,

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wetzel seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Barry County Rd Comm. – Brad Lamberg – presentation on changes in fund determination for roads and when & how much is anticipated to be put into the roads. Projected road work in Hastings Charter Twp. for 2016 and the condition of roads in surrounding areas and major projects.

Unfinished Business

1. Received a rough draft of the Hastings Charter Township & City of Hastings 2016 Urban Services and Economic Development Agreement, consultation with Attorney resulted in a clarification of what the page 5 paragraph 2 intends which is to exempt HCT from “sharing” in any grant funds received for work on said parcel(s). A public hearing will be required before finalizing the agreement. Alde’s has paid for a traffic study for the possibility of getting a traffic light on the corner of State Street and Cook Rd.
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New Business:

1. Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to use the 2016 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines for our 2016 Board of Review poverty hardship requirements. MOTION CARRIED – 7 ayes.
2. Clerk and two trustees required for March election committee, Murphy & Wetzel volunteered
3. Motion made by Murphy, seconded by R. Mennell to accept the Treasurers list of financial institutions for depositing funds 2016. MOTION CARRIED – 7 ayes.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Partridge, seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$12,113.33. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

- **County Comm. Report –Gibson on board election results Charlton Park board working on millage request. Raising wages for some workers due to State of MI minimum wage increase 1/1/2016
- **E-911: - Rewrite committee established for the expiring agreement, expected to be completed in 6 months
- **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 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays, Received grant funds for recycling module cameras from BC Solid Waste, BC Foundation grant not yet received.
- **Clerk –election packets available next month, AVB applications will be mailed Friday
- **Supervisor Brown – intends to run again for Supervisor, will be attending Lunch with Leaders luncheon on Feb. 19. Met with the GVSU coordinator and other engineers regarding the cold weather impact on the solar batteries, working on a solution for not losing power once temperature goes below 40 degrees.

Board member comments:

Winding Creek property tax bills sent out. Question regarding using Carpenter plumbing for minor repair instead of our own employee. Hastings Culinary class will be catering the luncheon.

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by R. Mennell to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk