

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the January 13, 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, R. Mennell, Wetzel, K Murphy, and Partridge

Also Present: 6 guests,

Public Comment –Dr. Schirmer from Barry-Eaton Health Dept. on free radon kits, new requirements for attending school without vaccinations.

Consent Agenda: Motion Wetzel, second Murphy to approve the minutes of December 13, 2014 meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Barry County Road Commission; Brad Lambert on the change in sales tax as it relates to road maintenance, upcoming meetings with townships for township needs and compiling cost analysis on road work which can be accomplished with extra funds from our township.

Previous Business

1. None

New Business:

1. Discussion on specification for upcoming bidding for Sexton & cemetery maintenance, township Hall snowplowing and mowing. Approved the clerk, treasurer and supervisor finalizing changes discussed and publishing in newspaper. Bids will be discussed at the March regular board meeting.
2. Approved the list of Financial Institutions for use in 2015
3. Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to use the 2015 Federal Poverty guideline for the property tax exemption requests to the Board of Review for 2015. MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays.
4. Discussion on web site updating by Inspiration Studios the original designers
5. Discussion on the amount of funds the township will give the county road commission for addition work on township roads for 2015-2019

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Partridge seconded by Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$11,784.61. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

County Comm. Report – Geiger spoke on commissioner activity, change in commission leadership and broadband enhancement for the county.

E-911: - the 911 bldg. open house January 26, 2015 from 4 to 7 pm.

JPA report – December meeting cancelled

Treasurer's Report: latest report on recycling module,. Discussion on using general funds to pay off Hastings twp. portion of the Hastings Drain project. Motion made by Murphy seconded by Wetzel to approve the treasurer paying off Hastings Drain township portion using general funds and reimbursing from Township Improvement funds when CD's mature. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Brown to accept and place on file the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerks report the State will be having a sales tax increase on the ballot with the May school election for bond millage. Mensch MFG received the certificate of approval from the State for their IFTA filed in October. Quarterly financial report disbursed

Supervisor Brown: BIRCH looking at purchasing a different EMS vehicle rather than repairing current vehicle. Meeting held with other townships on how BIRCH operates and saves participating townships money. Recycling grant funds available thru the State and SWMRC

Board member comments:

Date for opening the recycling module

Public Comments:

None

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy second by R. Mennell to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

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