

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the March 10, 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, (Partridge arrived at 7:20 pm)

Also Present: 11 guests,

Public Comment –None

Bill Voigt new director of Barry County Transit spoke on how things are going and improvements they want to implement.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy seconded by Wetzel to approve the minutes of the February 10 regular meeting and the February 26 Special meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Previous Business

1. Land transfer discussion held regarding announcement on WBCH and upcoming report in the Banner in regards to Supervisor Brown announcement at the Hastings City Council meeting that Hastings Township Board has approved giving the 40/60 acres to the city by the former Chrysler property. Motion to have attorney include in the pending annexation agreement to have this property annexed too into the City's jurisdiction if no problems with the agreement which is set to expire December 2016 for the usage of this property. MOTION Carried 7 ayes, 0 nays

New Business:

1. Gravel road trip – letter received specifying dates available for any townships interested in having a tour this year of their respective roads, after discussion it was decided to have the clerk arrange a tour at 8 am on either April 3rd or 4th.
2. Supervisor Brown requested permission to have a recording clerk hired to take the minutes at the Board of Review minutes. After discussion the matter was tabled
3. Request to use bottomless vault for a family due to religious purpose, discussion held and decided that would be approved for this situation but to require a letter from the family and to have a larger lip if possible for the area that would be in contact with the bottom of the plot.
4. Reviewed bids received for the sexton/cemetery maintenance, twp. hall lawn care and twp. hall snowplowing. Six bids received 2 for only cemetery, 4 for twp. hall lawn care and twp. hall snowplowing. Had the bidders in attendance introduce themselves and make any comments to explain their services and operations. Decided to have clerk contact references and bidders with further questions to help in the decision process and make final decision at the April 14th board meeting.
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Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Murphy seconded by Murphy to approve the warrants totaling \$82,808.62. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – neither in attendance

**E-911: - Smart 911 signup

**JPA report – Intent to annex, flood plains audit for Hastings Township, broadband

**Treasurer's Report: delinquent tax roll has been turned over to the County

Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Partridge to accept and place on file the treasurer's report as presented, MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Clerk election commission board for the May 5th special election meeting directly after the April 14th meeting.

**Supervisor Brown: due to the grant being applied for will not be able to open the recycling module until grant results are decided which will probably be end of May 2015. Opening sooner would nullify the grant request. Comments from board members on township citizens becoming irritated at the slowness of opening

Board member comments:

None

Public Comments:

None

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy second by Wetzel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

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