

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the November 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, and Partridge

Also Present: 4 guests,

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy seconded by Wetzel to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Budget Hearing – Motion by Murphy at 7:03 p.m. , seconded by A. Mennell to close the regular meeting of Hastings Charter Township and open the Budget Hearing, MOTION CARRIED. Discussion occurred on the proposed 2016 Fiscal Budget for the General Fund and the Library and Sewer Funds. After questions regarding the Road proposed expenditures and no comments from the audience, a motion was made at by Murphy and seconded by R. Mennell to accept the budgets by cost center as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes and 0 nays. Motion made by Brown at 7:10 p.m. and seconded by Murphy to close the budget hearing and reopen the regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays

Unfinished Business

1. Representative from Alde’s attended to speak with the township on requirements needed before their project can continue, basically who (what jurisdiction) do they need to be turning in the site plans for approval. Discussion ensued as to approving the property owned by the township and needing access to be donated to the city and with a modified 425 agreement also being signed giving the township 1 mill for 25 years and .5 mills for the following 25 years for the property not owed by the township but in the townships jurisdiction Motion made by Wetzel, seconded by R Mennell to donate the 60 acres of land to the city or deed back to Cathy Woods and to file necessary paperwork MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion by Wetzel, seconded by R. Mennell to enter into a modified 425 agreement with the City of Hastings pertaining to the property owned west of town that is across from Cook Rd and on State Street. MOTION Carried by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays

New Business:

1. New furnace and air conditioning units – as the equipment is original to township hall construction in 1988 and experiencing problems it was decided to get bids from Barry County vendors for the replacement of the units. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Letter received from BC Road Commission giving dates for prospective meeting, will contact BCRC and request they attend our January 2016 regular board meeting.
3. 2016 Board meeting dates, determined that the March primary and November general elections will fall on regular board meeting dates. Board decided to move these meetings from the regular seconded Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month.
4. 2015 Budget amendments, Clerk A Mennell proposed reducing the 2015 budget by a total of \$26,000 in the following areas: Township Hall reduce by \$9,000, Twp. Share Drain reduce \$5,000, Highways & Streets reduce by \$10,000, and Recreation & Culture reduce by \$2,000. Motion made by Wetzel to reduce the 2015 budged as proposed by clerk Mennell, seconded by Murphy. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the warrants totaling \$12,849.86. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report –Geiger on the passing of the County Budget, pension plan and county job reclassifications

**E-911: - large call volume still unknown explanation for increase

**JPA report – Special meeting called for an Urban Service Agreement request for the triangle area between Green St, Cook Rd and State Rd

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

**Clerk – 26% voter turn out for Nov. 3 election, state chose township for election audit for Nov. election

**Supervisor Brown – attended MATS conference discussed assessing hardships, BIRCH annual meeting soon, 3 out of 5 supervisors currently on BIRCH not running for reelection. Electrical issues with recycling module have been resolved.

Board member comments:

Walter Beck former township trustee passed away Nov. 3rd.

Public Comments: –None

Adjourn: Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk