

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the October 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, 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 September 8, 2015 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

District Recycling Coordinator Katie Venechuck – recycling specialist spoke on the current recycling process, sale of recycling materials, current initiatives and grants.

Hastings School Bond Issue – Dale Kruger - member of the maintenance staff present to answer any questions on the needs for the bond in terms of building maintenance, structural needs and repairs.

Unfinished Business

1. Recycling module cameras have been installed and integrated online for viewing and recording of the inside and outside of the module for pickup of bins and activity around module.
2. Chrysler property being examined for contamination issues and property owned behind by Hastings Township may have similar issues. Discussed possibility of giving property back to Kathy Woods.

New Business:

1. Supervisor Brown motioned for the township to join the Barry County Chamber of Commerce (fee \$125) and the Michigan Recycling Coalition (Fee \$150) Murphy seconded the motion, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Doris Hale, library representative whose term expires 12/31/2015, has requested her term to be continued for another three years. Motion by Partridge, seconded by Murphy to renew her term of representation until 12/31/2018. MOTION carried by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays
3. Salary Resolutions 2016 A-L – Letter of Salary increase request received from assessor, no increase in pay has been requested or received in 10 years. Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Supervisor Brown to increase the assessors salary from \$19,500 to \$22,000, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote - 7 ayes, 0- nays. Motion by Trustee Partridge, seconded by Trustee Murphy to increase the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer salaries by 3% as the last increase of 1% two years ago was to recognize five years with no increase due to the economy. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Wetzel to leave all other wages categories at the 2015 rate. MOTION CARRIED roll call vote - 7 ayes, 0 nays
4. Cemetery plot ownership – request received for transfer of unnamed plots owned by grandfather with no assignment made to rights to two remaining plots vacant, what will we require to allow transfer to another family member. Will require written proof of rights to make the transfer that will be brought before the board for approval of transfer.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel seconded by Trustee Partridge to approve the warrants totaling \$15,269.50 plus the payment of the camera invoice for \$2,900.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report –none

**E-911: - promoting smart 911 in the schools, enrollment not as high as projected to be at this time, looking to replace outdated backup system summer of 2016

**JPA report – MEI meeting in respect to increasing internet coverage in county, work started on Thornapple Plaza, BCSWC struggling with countywide recycling

**Treasurer’s Report: quarterly interest received on many accounts, 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 – received May election reimbursement, election commission meeting after regular meeting

**Supervisor Brown – requested to continue with Jim Partridge as second township representative on BIRCH Fire board, no objection made; Barry County lunch with leaders had very good turnout.

Board member comments:

None

Public Comments: –None

Adjourn: Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

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