

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the April 10, 2018
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 7:00 pm by Supervisor Jim Brown at the township hall

Roll Call: J. Brown, A. Mennell, J. Phillips, K Murphy, W. Wetzel, Tim McNally. Partridge (arrived at 7:22 pm.)

Also Present: 7 guests

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy and seconded by Wetzel to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Unfinished Business:

1. Motion by Murphy, second by McNally to Petition for locating, establishing and construction of a drain. Also, a Resolution for an application for lying out and designating a drainage district for the Davis Drain. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
2. Street light corner of M-37 & M-79, paperwork received should be up by end of April 2018.

New Business:

1. Motion by Partridge, seconded by Brown for the Resolution to approve the Library Ballot Proposal. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Motion by Wetzel, seconded by McNally to increase the Fire Services budget by \$2,000.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays
3. Motion by Partridge, seconded by McNally for the Board of Review to use an asset test limit of 10% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for applications received for Poverty Exemption for Property taxes. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion by Mennell, seconded by Wetzel to waive the penalties for late filing of Property Transfer Affidavits. MOTIONS CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- 4.--Motion by Mennell, seconded by Wetzel to approve spending up to \$1,200 for the materials for the front portico siding, labor to install and the hanging of the new Township sign. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
5. Broadband – Supervisor Brown stated County in process of getting new provider, looking into Possibility of extending the service to other areas in the county.
6. Subdivision road improvements, tabled until next month when more information can be gathered.
7. Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference, motion by Wetzel, seconded by McNally to approve Supervisor attending. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the warrants totaling \$87,144.22. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – Gibson

**E-911: -Several vacancies to fill, Public Relation committee set up.

**JPA meeting –little activity currently

**Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Brown to accept Treasurers report. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

** Clerk’s Report: ballot bag approval, auditors here in two weeks

** Supervisor’s Report – motioned donating \$225.00 to the MTA legal defense fund, seconded by Murphy,

MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays. BIRCH decided to assess total of \$25,000.00 for current year to members to help build up BIRCH fund balance using the formula that determines annual fee for determining each members share. Assessor talking about retiring.

Public Comments –

None.

Board member comments:

Death of Sexton

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by Wetzel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk