

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the April 13, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Brown, Clerk A. Mennell, Treasurer J. Phillips, Trustees, W. Wetzel, S. Savage J. Partridge, and T. McNally.

Also Present: 2 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the minutes of the March. 9th regular meeting, and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

County Commissioner Report

Commissioner Gibson spoke on the Airport contract renewal, Spectrum having a community garden and court security and other items.

Previous Business

1. Fee paid and all paperwork filed, waiting on next step by Consumers Energy of getting permits from Rd commission..

New Business:

1. Supervisor Brown spoke on the need for preventative measures needed at the cemetery to stop cars driving across corners and damaging fence and monuments and the need for some bush and tree removal. Clerk Mennell has received quotes to remove greenery and the cost of purchasing large stones to place on section corners for a deterrent to driving on plots. Trustee Partridge motion to have the shrubs and trees removed and purchasing and placing of large stones for the corners on the cemetery sections for a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 . Motion was seconded by Trustee Wetzel. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 -ayes, 0 nays
2. Clerk Mennell spoke on our Cemetery Ordinance 93-, Section 7 Interment Regulations subsections A and B, the number of burials allowed in a plot. Suggested the board consider amending this part of the Ordinance to allow a maximum of six burials per plot as other townships, with the current trend of cremations and the less space required it would also help to slow the need for additional land in the future. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance will be presented at Mays meeting. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays
3. Motion by Supervisor Brown to authorize Clerk Mennell to purchase 2 computers towers and required accessories for the Treasurer and Clerk to replace the outdated systems they are using for a sum not to exceed \$1600.00 . Trustee Savage seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee McNally and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$13,375.22. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Quarterly interest received, interest rates not improving. Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee McNally to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Clerk's Report: the assessors contract is coming up for renewal, the Special Assessment for Weed Control at Lower lake in conjunction with Carlton Township is up for renewal this year and was informed we will be having a special election for a school millage in August.

**Supervisor Report: still getting pop cans dropped off at the module, see information about glass pulverizing unit for recycling.

Public Comments –
None

Board member comments:

Savage asked about the funds township is projected to receive from Amer. Rescue Plan Act. Phillips is still checking out personal alarms for tax collection time. Partridge also regarding the ARPA funds and possibly being applied towards the fire barn and who is the township representative on the 911 Board that replaced K. Murphy.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Wetzel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____