

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the August 13, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Brown, Clerk A. Mennell, Treasurer J. Phillips, Trustees K Murphy, Tim McNally, W. Wetzel. absent J. Partridge,

Also Present: 3 guests

Public Comment

Don Haney spoke about the need for senior housing in Barry County and options he is investigating.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by McNally, seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular meeting, and other consent agenda items with item three (Thornapple Manor) under new business moved up as item one. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

County Commissioner Report: Gibson spoke on Transit bldg. remodel, moving of the Friend of the Courts dept. interest in the property corner of Michigan and Apple St.

Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution 2019-03, motion by Wetzel, second by Murphy to approve the Credit Card Use Policy, Resolution 2019-03 as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

New Business:

1. Thornapple manor – Supervisor Brown questioned how the addition of senior housing projects being investigated by Don Haney would impact the private sector specifically if they were given a tax abatement and the impact to the township.
2. Repairing of subdivisions roads in our township, discussion on who would bear the costs of such projects, determined that such costs would need to be handled by a special assessment on those property owners affected by such repairs.
3. The current franchise with Consumers Energy is nearing expiration date – need for new ordinance. Motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy for the Clerk taking necessary steps to renew the current 30 year expiring ordinance. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.
4. 2019 township millage – motion by Wetzel, seconded by Murphy to approve the millage rate request for the 2019 winter tax collection form L-4029. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee McNally to approve the warrants totaling \$103,333.82. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Dept. Reports:

**E-911: - still have staffing issues, CAD system expected to be online January 2020

**JPA meeting –another gas station in Middleville, sidewalk from Dairy Queen to Holiday Inn Express.

**Treasurer’s Report: requested approval for moving \$20,000.00 from Township Improvement Fund to general fund for payment of current years BCRC invoice. Motion by Murphy, second by Mennell to approve the transfer of TIF funds to the general fund. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent. Motion by McNally, seconded by Murphy to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Clerk’s Report: attended focus group on absentee voting ballots and the changes caused by the Nov. 2018 proposal three. Sept. township meeting will be held at Charlton Park.

**Supervisor Report – received approval from Consumers Energy for a vehicle charging port. Architect for the Hastings fire barn has rendered plans with Mercy Ambulance addition. Requested and received board

approval to put a port for pizza boxes in our recycling module. Objects to the County competing with the private sector on senior housing..

Public Comments – None

Board member comments:

American Legion celebrating 100 year anniversary Aug. 10th, United Way kickoff Sept. 12th. Sewer line problem at the Transit Bldg. remodel project. CAA ribbon cutting ceremony August 15th.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

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