

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the August 15, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Brown

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

Also Present: 2 guests

Public Comment

Question as to why McKeown bridge was replaced.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept the agenda with the addition of ATT cost increase under new business, seconded by Trustee Savage, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Passed the 2023 – 2040 Master Plan for Barry County, discussion on solar acreage zoning and disbanding of the compensation committee. Commission on Aging new building and future building of multiple housing units.

Previous Business

1. Mercy ambulance invoice received for equipment, will hold off on paying until further information received. Irving Township has decided to leave BIRCH

New Business:

1. L-4029 for 2023 (2023 Tax rate request). Motioned by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve requesting 0.7046 for operations for township millage and 1.5356 mills for Library mill. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.
2. Clerk Mennell requested a \$1200.00 increase in the Election budget to cover the cost of the Special Election. Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to increase the Election Budget by \$1200.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.
3. Clerk Mennell requested assistance on finding new telephone provider because ATT has drastically increased our rate. Trustee Partridge commented on other options. Information will be gathered so we can discuss at September's meeting.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the warrants totaling \$18,160.82 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Partridge to accept report. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

** Clerk's Report: Special election had a 28% turn out between in person and absentee voters. The millage was approved by township voters.

**Supervisor Report: met with Tekonsha recycling people to see and gather information on their operations. Pizza boxes program now under the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute management.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments

Savage on getting more citizen involvement in recycling, Partridge on BIRCH meeting August 24th at the Fire Barn for a viewing on the condition of current equipment. Can we hold September meeting at Charlton Park as we did before COVID.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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