

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the December 12, 2017
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, J. Partridge, W. Wetzel, and Tim McNally.

Also Present: 2 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy and seconded by Wetzel to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Unfinished Business:

1. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Partridge to approve the 2018 Budgets as presented at the Public Hearing during the November 14, 2017 meeting. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business:

1. Motion by Murphy, seconded by McNally to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule as presented by Clerk Mennell. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Wetzel to use the 2018 Federal government poverty level for any property tax poverty exemption applications received for 2018. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
3. Supervisors Brown & Watson met with Jeff Hall (ISP) Broadband regarding bring service to our respective townships. Information will need to be gathered and may be good idea to bring in other surrounding townships (like BIRCH).
4. Clerk Mennell suggested three budget amendments for finishing out the 2017 fiscal year. Trustee Murphy motioned to reduce the Township Board category by \$3,000.00, increasing the Township Hall category by \$3,000.00 and increasing the Assessor category by \$600.00 to keep these budget areas in compliance for 2017, motion seconded by Trustee McNally. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Partridge to approve the warrants totaling \$11,685.07. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – Geiger presented comments on Commissioner meetings since last township meeting, budget adoption, TOST

**E-911: -P. Fuller leaving Jan. 5, 2018 for new job, K. Murphy's term expires end of December.

** JPA meeting – no meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Wetzel seconded by Partridge to accept Treasurers report. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

** Clerk's Report: Auditor asked if can do in January rather than April, Clerk & Treasurer agreed

**Supervisor Brown Attended MRC in Lansing last Tuesday, BIRCH meeting Thursday night here.

Public Comments –

Legislative Update meeting with J. Calley, petition for part-time legislatures

Board member comments:

McNally attending training in January, Murphy tried to contact Consumers Energy about street ligh, and Partridge has samples of ideas for new township sign for building

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by Wetzel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk