

**HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the December 15, 2020**  
**Virtual 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 T. McNally, W. Wetzel, S. Savage and J. Partridge

Also Present: 1 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee McNally to approve the minutes of the Nov. 10, 2020 regular meeting, and other consent agenda items MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

County Commissioner Report:

None

Previous Business

1. Clerk Mennell stated that the 2021 Highway category needed to be increases by \$13,000 to reflect the amount the Barry County Rd Comm. is projecting for the 2021 chargeable amount. Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded Trustee Wetzel to approve the 2021 General Budget in Summary format with the modification to the Highway category and the Library and Sewer Special funds as presented at the November budget hearing. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays
2. Second reading of ordinance 2020-01. Motion by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Clerk Mennell to approve the Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

New Business:

1. Clerk Mennell presented the 2021 meeting schedule which will continue being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.. Dates unanimously approved.
2. Supervisor requested keeping the same Board of Review members for the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Those members being, Michael Smith, John Lenz, Hilby Medendorp with alternate Krista Bies. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote –7 ayes, 0 nays.
3. 2021 Poverty Guidelines, Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to accept the Federal 2021 poverty guidelines with no increase as the basis for the Board of Review when determining the hardship exemptions submitted in 2021 and to set the asset test limit at \$15,000.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote –7 ayes, 0 nays.
4. Clerk Mennell requested amending the 2020 General Budget in the following categories.
  - a) Decrease Fire Services by \$10,000
  - b) Decrease Other Services by \$7,000
  - c) Increase Clerk by \$300
  - d) Increase Elections by \$700
  - e) Increase Highways by \$25,000
  - f) Increase Recycling by \$300This would result in a net increase of \$9,300. Motion by trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Partridge to accept and approve the request to amend the 2020 General fund budget. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote –7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by trustee McNally to approve the warrants totaling \$12,254.65. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

\*\*Treasurer's Report: interest received rates still low, transferred some funds around. Tax payments have started coming in Motion by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Wetzel to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

\*\*Clerk's Report: I assisted the Sexton with cemetery clean-up which took place on December 1<sup>st</sup>, few calls regarding new procedure and discussion with township resident regarding allowed decoration.

\*\*Supervisor Report: Solid Waste Oversight Comm. is placing an RFP for a countywide part-time coordinator. Regarding styrofoam being placed in recycling module will check into signage regarding no disposing of this material in the module. BIRCH was not able to have a yearend meeting due to COVID but will have meeting in January to elect new officers.

Public Comments –

None.

Board member comments:

New trustee Scott S. offered up his help on anything may need, Trustee Jim P. spoke about \$535,000 Fire Truck Lake Odessa is purchasing stating how glad he is BIRCH is value conscious.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_