

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the December 13, 2016
Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call: Brown, A. Mennell, Phillips, K Murphy, Partridge and R. Mennell. Absent W. Wetzel

Also Present: None

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 regular meeting and other consent agenda items with one correction. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Unfinished Business

1. Motion by Murphy to approve the rental of vacant land by cemetery for agricultural purposes to John Lenz for \$50.00 per acre for five (5) years beginning January 1, 2017. Seconded by Supervisor Brown MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote– 6 ayes, 0 nays

New Business:

1. Motion by Murphy and seconded by A. Mennell to approve the 2017 General Fund, Sewer Fund and Library Fund. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote– 6 ayes, 0 nays
2. Approved the 2017 meeting schedule
3. Supervisor Brown requested to bring before Barry County Planning and Zoning to rezone two (2) parcels (080602002540 & 080602002500) to High Density Residential from Rural Residential. .Roll call vote with 5 ayes, 1 absent and 1 abstaining (Supervisor Brown due to conflict of interest)
4. Cost recovery for BIRCH runs for illegal burning, board recommends our representatives on the BIRCH board bring up to the council the increasing of fees for such runs for all BIRCH members
5. Clerk Mennell requested an increase to the 2016 budget for the Township Hall expense category for \$500.00 and the Other Services and Charges for \$800.00. Motion made by Murphy and seconded by R. Mennell to increase the 2016 budget by the \$1400 as requested by Clerk Mennell. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.
6. Agreed to use the 2017 federal poverty guidelines for our 2017 poverty property exemption calculations.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Partridge to approve the warrants totaling \$48,029.64. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – None

**E-911: - Service Contract expected to be approved by Dec. 27th, installing fiber optics to building for Next Gen 911

**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Murphy, seconded by R. Mennell to accept the treasurer's report as presented and place on file. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays

**Clerk – Consumers Energy sent a contract renewal for street lights, board voted to disregard; due to change in pension fees Bob Knapp from Edward Jones is scheduled to attend January Board meeting.

**Supervisor Brown – attended the MI Recycling Coalition meeting,

Public Comments –
None

Board member comments:
Open house for Frank Campbell

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by Wetzel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk