

**HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the February 14, 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 and W. Wetzel

Also Present: 10 guests

Public Comment

David Olson on Blue Zone, Jeff Taylor regarding Sundago Park road

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Partridge, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting and other consent agenda items.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Reported on the Board choosing individuals to sit on various committees, their discussion on a different bldg. for the COA, touring the former Mental Health bldg. at Algonquin Lake.

Previous Business

1. David Olson interviewed and unanimously selected to the vacant trustee position.

New Business:

1. Rachael Frantz, Coordinator spoke on the Solid Waste Oversight Committee disbanding and becoming Materials Management Planning for Barry County which focuses more on recycling than waste disposal. What grants have been obtained and the purpose of them, the 2023 scrap collection dates, and electronic collection.
2. Clerk Mennell presented the proposal from Walker, Fluke and Sheldon for the 2022 annual audit, Trustee Wetzel motioned we accept the proposal with Treasurer Phillip seconding. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes. Trustee Partridge suggested we request a three-year proposal for future years.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$14,479.31. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes.

Dept. Reports:

**\*\*Treasurer’s Report:** Lots of tax payments received in last few days, receiving better interest with the moving around of CDs to obtain higher interest. Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Partridge to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes.

**\*\* Clerk’s Report:** Assessor has requested a change in the dates the Board of Review is required to meet, Trustee Partridge and Supervisor Brown motioned to move the Board of Review days from meeting on the Wednesday and Thursday following the second Monday in March, MOTION CARRIED – 6 ayes, 0 nays. A copy of the December 2022 income statement is in your packet, also purchased a voting booth for the touch screen and printer unit to provide greater privacy for users.

**\*\*Supervisor Report:** copy of letters from Fire Chief and Fuel Oil provider in packets regarding the obstacles preventing travel down Sundago Park. Supervisor Brown will compose and deliver letter to the Planning and Zoning regarding this and the safety issue and insurance problems it presents and if no results will present to the Board of Commissioners. Letter received about tax abatement for Thornapple Manor-Harvest Point Assisted Living Facility which has still not opened.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments

Partridge on article in Township Focus magazine regarding rates charged for sewer lines and are our rates high enough to cover unknown expenses down the road. Need for a different building to house the fire equipment due to the size of the equipment.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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