

**HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the January 10, 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: 3 guests

Public Comment

David Olson on trustee position

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Savage, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Reported on the Committee assignments he has received, the ad hoc committee set up to review the vacant buildings owned by the County and what to do about them. The Board of Commissioners talked about the Chairperson not being able to make decisions without Board consent.

Previous Business

1. Recycling module - Discussion on steps taken and future areas to check out.

New Business:

1. Trustee opening, received notice of interest from regular attendee but decided best to advertise for position for one week.
2. 2022 Budget adjustments, Clerk requested for an increase in the Assessor category of 75.00, increase in Cemetery dept. of \$100.00, Street Light increase by \$150.00 and the Recycling dept. increase of \$1,000.00 for a total increase of 1,325.00. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to approve the Clerk's budget increase request, and seconded by Trustee Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$13,739.42. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes.

Dept. Reports:

\*\*Treasurer's Report: Closed out some low interest rate CD's and penalties incurred but the increase in interest will compensate for this. Motion by Trustee Partridge, seconded by Supervisor Brown to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes.

\*\* Clerk's Report: Situation at Cemetery on position of previous burial, due to this a new form is being required before burial to protect the Township and Sexton. W-2's will be mailed out next week.

\*\*Supervisor Report: Trip with Fire Chief to Sundago Park Dr and the lack of road width for Emergency Services vehicles, Tax Tribunal turned down the Harvest Point assisted living tax assessing by the Township. The Barry County Community Foundation is starting the Vision Barry County program.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments: next page

Savage on Sundago park signage, Partridge on BIRCH report, Phillips on phone static issues with our landlines, Brown on Emergency services and the portion that belongs to our Township and the Emergency Services canceling any calls for mental health issues.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Savage 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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