

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the January 9, 2024
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. D. Olson, W. Wetzel, and S. Savage.

Also Present: 10 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept the agenda seconded by Trustee Olson, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

No report

Barry County Road Commission

Jake Welsh, Annual presentation, discussed our new 5-year agreement, schedule of work to be done, special assessments and subdivisions. Starting social media for passing on information to public and spring road tours.

Previous Business

1. BIRCH - copies of agreements will be forth coming for board members to review for discussion at next meeting. Feb. 22 another meeting for BIRCH members, discussing how to collect funds and 5-year plans

New Business:

1. Two trustees needed for Election Commission for February election, Olson and Savage volunteered
2. Presentation on automatic door openers, how many, type, and cost. Decided to table discussion until February.
3. Clerk presented quotes from Nancy Halifax Services for 3 years (May 2024 to April 2027). Motion by Trustee Partridge to continue with Nancy Halifax Services for another 3 years, seconded by Trustee Wetzel. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the warrants totaling \$15,237.15. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Trustee Wetzel with second by Trustee Brown to accept the Treasurers report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

** Clerk's Report: requested we use the recycling module for temporary storage. The hall has too many chairs, tables and such taking up space. Decided to use module to help clean up the hall.

**Supervisor Report: met with Michelle Skedule (Pierce Cedar Creek) about plantings for the back of Township bldg.

Public Comments –

Jim Mayer (automatic door presenter) suggested we do a preventative maintenance on our doors prior to election as they are having issues. Motion by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Olson to have Jim

Mayer do maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$130.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Board member comments

Partridge recommended we replace the plexiglass in the office with a more secure structure, asked if clerk knew about the cost for cemetery software and the possibility of implementing for the public's convenience. When can cemetery plots be taken back by the Township, Brown recommended we get a telephone for the vault room for emergency purposes.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____