

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the July 9, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Brown, Clerk A. Mennell, Treasurer J. Phillips, Trustees K Murphy, J. Partridge, Tim McNally, and W. Wetzel.

Also Present: 5 guest

Public Comment

Library Rep. Sheena Eastman spoke about the Library replacing the windows due to broken seals.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Wetzel and seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular meeting, and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

County Commissioner Report: Geiger spoke on COA roof repair, fixing Courthouse clock, changing the recruitment method for volunteer boards and recycling partnership with Eaton County.

Auditors report:

Dave DeHaan of Walker, Fluke and Sheldon presented the Audited 2018 Financial Statements. Reported the Township is receiving an unmodified review which is the highest available. Commented on what the bulk of our restricted liability is (Sewer receivables), capital asset increase for new election equipment and high expenses for year due to road work. Motion made by Trustee partridge to accept the audit report for 2018 as presented, motion seconded by Trustee McNally. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Unfinished Business:

1. Recommendation for Health, Safety and Welfare ways to use the unrestricted funds generated by the Landfill Impact fees possibly on Street lights on busy dark corners in the Township. Expenses each year for the BIRCH and Roads have technically removed any restriction on the funds.
2. Township credit card: draft resolution presented to get the process started. Further information and adoption of resolution will be presented when more information obtained on cards available to businesses.
3. Davis Drain update: Plan B has been implemented.

New Business:

1. Assessing conference: Clerk Mennell handed out a list of the top take a ways noted at the conference. Supervisor Brown spoke on how important it is that 20 percent of the township properties are reviewed and visited each year as State mandates a 100 percent review every five years. The State insistence on the Tax Roll being signed by an “Employee” of the township, suggestion made we contact MTA about getting this reviewed and changed as many township now hiring firms to do the assessing.
2. Street lights – suggested by Supervisor Brown that we each come up with areas where a street light would be beneficial, as the funds currently being spend on the two LED street light we have on the corner of M-37 and M-79 have very low monthly costs.
3. Received a letter from the State of Michigan in regards to one of our residents manure processing.
4. Foreclosure property available in township, Board agreed not interested in purchasing.
5. Clerk reported a need to amend the budget by \$150.00 in the Insurance category. Trustee McNally motioned to increase the Insurance category by \$150.00 to cover additional costs, motion seconded by Trustee Wetzel. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee McNally and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$15,507.42. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**E-911: - still have staffing issues, working on rental agreements for 911 tower fees.

**JPA meeting –no meeting in June.

**Treasurer’s Report: two CD’s matured and the funds moved to a money market account for liquidity.

Motion by McNally, seconded by Murphy to accept the Treasurers report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Clerk’s Report: None

**Supervisor Report – July 16th is July Board of Review, recycling commodities values are still declining. Applied for and received a Grant for up \$5,000. for installation of a car charging station at the Township. Will get cost analysis for Board review.

Public Comments – None

Board member comments:

Charlton Park Gas and Steam Engine show this weekend, getting generator installed when we do the car charging station, Commission on Aging needing to “Do” something about the building situation.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk