

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the June 13, 2017
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, R. Mennell and W. Wetzel

Also Present: Comm. Hoot Gibson & Judge McDowell and two others

Public Comment

Joan VanHouten from J-Ad Graphics introduced herself

Consent Agenda: Motion by Murphy and seconded by Wetzel to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2017 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Judge McDowell

Spoke on Barry County Hope House

New Business:

1. Motion by Clerk Mennell to move the August 8, meeting date to August 15th due to Special Election on August 8th. Motion seconded by Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- 2- Clerk Mennell recommended increasing the wages of our election workers currently \$10.00 per hour with Election Chair receiving additional \$50.00 for day. Motion by Partridge and seconded by Murphy to increase election worker wages to \$12.50 per hour with Election Chairperson receiving additional \$100.00 per day. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.
- 3- Election committee members needed for August 8th special election, Trustees Murphy and Wetzel agreed to be on committee with Clerk Mennell. The special meeting will be directly after July 11th meeting at township hall.
- 4- Clerk Mennell motioned to increase the 2017 budget in three categories: Recycling up \$5,200, Street Lights up \$250 and Township Hall up \$3,000. Increase requested due to projects not part of original budget. Motion seconded by Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.
5. Office cameras – Supervisor Brown received a quote from TVB Enterprises to retro fit the recycling module cameras for operation in the township hall. Murphy made a motion to accept the quote of \$1,030.00 and motion seconded by Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays. Due to the acceptance of the motion which had not been considered in the budget increase mentioned in #4 Clerk Mennell motioned a for an additional increase in the Township Hall budget bringing the total increase up to 5,000.00, motion seconded by Wetzel. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the warrants totaling 93,430.19. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – Gibson – Spoke of Vietnam Vet honoring ceremony, semi-truck parking at the Bliss. Moving of July 4th meeting date.

**E-911: -full staff now, switching from ATT to PFN savings.

** JPA meeting – stop light at corner of Cook and State Street

** Recycling - Pickup costs for quarter are below funds being received from Waste Management fees

**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, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Clerk –Drain Commission requested and will hold a meeting for proposed work Hall for the Holmes Drain in our township which will affect some township residents on July 13 at 5:30 pm. at the Township.

For the Special August 8th election per a Consolidation agreement with Castleton Township, their Hastings school and BISD voters will be voting at Hastings Township (236 voters). Also, their Ionia County Intermediate School district voters (120 voters) will be voting at Hastings Township. The Special election costs will be reimbursed by the School and ISD's.

**Supervisor Brown – Fire Dept. will be purchasing two new radios with funds raised for Pancake Breakfast Fund raiser with a matching donation from BIRCH.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments:

Questioned by Brown if wage schedule available for township officers and staff. Is it possible to put information on Cemetery of the lots available for sale? Reminder of the Car Show at Charlton Park this Sunday.

Adjourn: Motion by R. Mennell, seconded by Murphy to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk