

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the March 14, 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 and R. Mennell and W. Wetzel

Also Present: Hoot Gibson

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wetzel and seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

1- Motion by Partridge to replace (required by Consumers Energy) the street light at the intersection of M-37 & M-79 with an upgrade to a 110W LED mercury vapor fixture. The Sundago Park street light does not require replacement at this time. The replacement cost has an estimated payback period of one year. Motion seconded by Supervisor Brown. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays .

2- BC Road Commission is having the tours for the gravel roads in the county late April, per the offered times the clerk will reserve Thursday April 20, at 8 A.M. for the Hastings Charter Township.

3- Clerk Mennell motioned to have Halifax Services spread salt on the township hall parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursday, when they snow plow, when deemed necessary. Motion seconded by K. Murphy. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

4- WOW cable franchise has sent agreement contract requesting to continue services in the township with a franchise fee payable to the township at the rate of 3%, Clerk Mennell stated the last payments were at 5%. Further research will be done before signing the renewal. Board is recommending we approve a rate of payment to the township no lower than what we are currently receiving.

5- The renewal for our liabilities and properties insurance has increased \$126.00 over last year. Motion by Wetzel and seconded by Murphy to accept the proposal by the Ted Hartleb Agency for the effective date of June 1st, 2017 to May 31, 2018. 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 \$11,936.34. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

**County Comm. Report – Gibson – Remonumentation starting, discussions on switching several County offices to other various buildings rather than build new.

**E-911: - installation of new phone system, large increase in calls due to wind storm

** Recycling - , possibility of wiring solar panels to township for using solar energy, reviewing new cameras for recycling unit.

**Treasurer’s Report: 2016 tax cycle completed, 2 Winding Creek properties not paid yet. 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 – Clerks meeting Thursday for demonstration of proposed new election equipment. Election workers’ wages should be reviewed for increase.

**Supervisor Brown – Supervisors meeting next Tuesday

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments:

BIRCH meeting soon, will they be discussing increasing fee for illegal burns, City discussing new EMS building.

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by R. Mennell to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

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