

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the March 14, 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, W. Wetzel, and D. Olson.

Also Present: 7 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Partridge, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular meeting and other consent agenda items.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Spoke on thought for a new COA building by Thornapple Manor - Harvest Point; new jail issues, extending contract for Michael Brown.

Previous Business

1. Waste Management will not be able to assist with recycling program

New Business:

1. Request by the Treasurer to have her deputy working at the Township Hall on Thursdays and other days Treasurer required to work and no others scheduled to be in the office, so will be second person for security measures. Motion by Partridge and seconded by Savage to increase the deputies' hours and increase the budget to reflect the increase in costs. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes
2. Approved the appointment of Joe Sancimino to the Barry County Conservation Easement Board

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the warrants totaling \$107,344.30. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Tax collection for 2022 completed and delinquents turned over to County. Motion by Trustee Partridge, seconded by Supervisor Brown to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes.

** Clerk's Report: The nine days of early voting will require the purchase of additional equipment. Guidelines for the changes due to Proposal 2022-02 are still in the works, thoughts of consolidating for the early election days are being considered. Special elections such as for the School millages will not require the early voting.

**Supervisor Report: requested to attend the Michigan Recycling Coalition conference May 10th to the 12th in Kalamazoo, Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve up to \$850.00 for the conference fee, accommodations and mileage. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments

Partridge asked about getting 911 reports, the MERCY ambulance may need to request funding from BIRCH members, the future needs for BIRCH equipment. Brown on Roger Caris being off for health issues. Brown on the Sundago Park road issue being determined to be a civil issue.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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