

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the May 10, 2022
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, W. Wetzel, J. Partridge. T. McNally with S. Savage absent

Also Present: 3 guests

Public Comment

Darcy Kelly spoke on working the election and on our township being willing to choose young people for positions, such as her daughter being hired as our new library representative.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel seconded by Trustee McNally, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 regular meeting, and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

County Commissioner – neither attended

Previous Business

1. FOIA – lawyer responded with a letter stating request denied.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 2022-5 Trustee Wetzel moved and Trustee McNally seconded adopting the Resolution of Guidelines for Applicants Requesting Consideration for Poverty Exemption. MOTION CARRIED – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.
2. Thornapple Manor – Harvest Pointe Assisted Living; received notification that a tax tribunal petition has been filed and a docket number assigned. All has been forwarded on to our attorney.
3. Cemetery issues – a marker in section 4 has been knocked off its base by a vehicle, a police report has been issued and a quote of \$150.00 received for reinstalling on the base. The cemetery guideline signage placed last summer needs to be mounted on heavier posts, the current posts are not holding up to the strong winds. Supervisor Brown showed a ground stake he would like to place all the veteran marker in which also hold the US flags we place out for the summer as they would keep the markers upright. Motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Treasurer to approved the sum of \$1,000.00 for the implementation of the three cemetery issues. MOTION CARRIED – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee McNally and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling \$19,749.55. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Dept. Reports:

- **Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Partridge to accept the treasurers report as presented, MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.
- ** Clerk’s Report: 25 percent voter turnout, positive responses received on the new voting booths
- **Supervisor Report: attended Carlton Twp meeting, sewer lift is having problems. Planning and Zoning working on new 10-year plan.

Public Comments –

Hope township used flair markers for ballot marking not the sharpies issued by the State.

Board member comments:

Partridge still analyzing our electric bills in relationship to solar benefit and generator set up on a service agreement. Question on how to determine how much solar energy we are producing. Commends the BC Road Commission for how quickly they fixed the road wash out on Fisher Rd. recently. Was stopped on Center and Charlton Park Rd recently when a vehicle ran the 4 way stop sign during daylight.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____