

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the May 9, 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, Trustees, J. Partridge. S. Savage, W. Wetzel, D. Olson, absent Treasurer J. Phillips.

Also Present: 4 guests

Public Comment

Amber Holtrust introduced herself as Republican precinct delegate and said new energy flowing in the group and they are big supporters of clerks.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Olson, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

3 farms placed in the farmland preservation for developmental rights, coming up with master plan regarding solar panels. Additional raises of 3% for non-elected county employees approved, the COA has drawing for a new facility, next will meet with engineer.

Previous Business

1. Murrays Asphalt will be able to do the resurfacing for the same price quoted and approved last year when they were unable to do because of weather. Will contact and have done by end of July.

New Business:

1. Letter received from Mercy Ambulance addressed to City of Hastings and BIRCH units regarding needed increase in funds for services provided, needs response by July 1st. An emergency meeting for BIRCH will be called to address situation.
- 2.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Partridge to approve the warrants totaling \$18,312.08. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent.

Dept. Reports:

****Treasurer's Report:** motion by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to accept report. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent.

**** Clerk's Report:** replacement signs for Cemetery decoration rules have been posted, special election in August ballot application going out soon and will require return postage paid envelopes. County has stated they will not be able to assist in the 9-day early voting required for federal and state elections. Will be putting election workers on the payroll starting in 2024 as they will be over the limit for not having to be. Next year's budget for elections and clerk department will show sizable increase do to 27 days of extra work. Auditors are coming in next week and will present audit report in June.

****Supervisor Report:** County code enforcement agent retiring, meeting with County 4-H executive board for possible deposit beverage container project using the recycling module.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments

Savage on attendance to meetings by A. Holtrust and his being a precinct delegate for the Democrats, Olson asking about BIRCH meetings, Partridge asked if Fire property on Boulder Drive has been clean up.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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