

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the August 13, 2024
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, S. Savage, J Partridge, D. Olson excused absence

Also Present: 2 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Savage to accept the agenda seconded by Trustee Wetzel, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

New County Administrator chosen and will begin August 26th. A solar ordinance was approved and with the passing of the COA renewal the new facility project is expected to begin this fall. The November ballot will have a renewal of the Transit millage

Previous Business

1. Meadow Lane Drain project – Clerk Mennell moved that the township to pay its share upfront thereby saving the interest expense as we have the funds. Taking \$40,000.00 from the Township Improvement Funds with the balance of \$51,000.00 coming from the general fund. Supervisor Brown seconded, roll call vote taken and motion passed.
2. New office wall, turned down proposal from DBI, received invoice for \$1,057.00 for design services, which was more than we approved originally. Clerk Mennel moved we pay the invoice, seconded by Trustee Savage. Roll call vote taken, motion passed with Treasurer voting in the negative. Decided to table the remodeling of the main office until 2025.
3. Supervisor Brown requested to send a letter to the County Parks dept. asking for the removal of the light in the McKeown Bridge Park area. Sign in Park states Park closed after dusk, lights causing issues to resident whose property adjoins the Park. Board approved Supervisor sending letter to County Park Dept.

New Business:

1. BIRCH, Supervisor Brown requesting that Hastings Charter Twp talk to the City of Hastings about the Twp donating its share of fire equipment to the city and join in with the city fire dept. Trustee Partridge who is one of our representatives on the BIRCH board states that this issue has been brought to the City and they are not interested. BIRCH is having a meeting August 29th.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the warrants totaling \$17,731.12. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Trustee Wetzel with second by Supervisor Brown to accept the Treasurers report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

** Clerk’s Report: We had 984 ballots cast for this August election. Newly elected officials take office on Nov. 20th at noon. Have had several people inquire about plot reclaiming.

**Supervisor Report – Retirement party for Michael Brown on August 27th.

Public Comments –

Equipment owned by BIRCH is aged and lucky still holding up. Fortunate that BIRCH can meet the needs of the community.

Board member comments

Partridge – code enforcement officer need to check out properties on Powell and Boulder. Are we having a meeting at the old hall in Charlton Park? Clerk our September meeting has been arranged to be held at Charlton Park.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____