

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the June 11, 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, D. Olson, W. Wetzel, S. Savage, J Partridge

Also Present: 7 guests

Public Comment

Heather Wing introduced himself as candidate for Treasurer. David Briggs commented on business in residential area Courtney Ziny from COA spoke on upcoming millage renewal for Operating expenses not for building.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept the agenda seconded by Trustee Savage, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

Audit Presentation – Dave DeHaan presented the 2023 Audit Report for the Township and stated that Hastings Charter Township once again received the highest rating available for our Township. We are in very good financial state for a Township of our size. Motion made by Trustee Partridge and seconded by Trustee Savage to accept the 2023 Audit report as presented.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Spoke on the Solar Ordinance the County is working on and wanting the Townships to support, the search plan for a new County Administrator and the COA hoping to break ground on their new site in Fall of 2024

Previous Business

1. Pollinator garden, contacted Pierce Creek that project is on hold and Supervisor Brown is going to contact Rachael France about arranging a tour of Michigan Wildflower farm for an alternative.
2. BIRCH – Motion by Trustee Olson, seconded by Supervisor Brown to commit to BIRCH as a basis for a new agreement. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Clerk needs two trustee to serve on the August election commission, Partridge and Olson volunteered.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Savage to approve the warrants totaling \$21,098.77. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Foreclosure notice for Township properties received, new CD's opened. Motion by Trustee Partridge with second by Trustee Wetzel to accept the Treasurers report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

** Clerk's Report: new cameras installed, website coordinator asking if we want to update our site. Mailing out absentee ballot application this week. The cemetery plots in question at least meeting are occupied just do not have any markers on them.

**Supervisor Report – letter received that the EMS grant City applied for was received and they are asking if we still want the funds to go to BIRCH as we originally approved. Board does.

Public Comments –

None

Board member comments

Partridge is working on doorbell system for entrance. BIRCH looking at leasing equipment, received a rendering from DBI for new office wall and considering having a local contractor quote for an onsite built unit. Olson on meet and greet the candidate at Charlton Park Friday evening

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

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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