

**HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the October 11, 2016**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 7:00 pm by Supervisor Jim Brown at the township hall

Roll Call: Brown, A. Mennell, Phillips, K Murphy, R. Mennell, Partridge and Wetzel.

Also Present: Mike Smith, Hoot Gibson and Leach Lake resident Walkenshaw

Public Comment

Regarding the assessing of extra fire reimbursement fees to those who burn illegal substances and burn again after being warned.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wetzel and seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 regular meeting and other consent agenda items with one correction. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Hearing on SAD #1 Leach Lake

AT 7:12 pm Trustee Murphy motioned to close the regular board meeting and opening the Public Hearing on the Leach Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District, seconded by Trustee R. Mennell MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes

At 7:13 pm Supervisor Brown motioned and Trustee Murphy seconded to open the Public Hearing on the Leach Lake Weed Control SAD #1. MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes

Leach Lake resident Walkenshaw (of Hastings Charter Twp.) questioned on which residents of the Lake were assessed the fee, informed that Hastings Charter Township had 21 property owners and Carlton Township has an assessment for his residents who make up the balance of the district. Supervisor Brown read the Resolution with no further questions asked. Supervisor Brown motioned to accept the SAD# assessment roll with Trustee Murphy seconding the motion. MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays  
Motion by Supervisor Brown to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm on the SAD #1, seconded by Trustee Wetzel. MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion by Supervisor Brown to reopen the regular meeting at 7:21 pm, seconded by Murphy. MOTION CARRIED 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Unfinished Business

1. Vacant cemetery land – Supervisor Brown has spoken with John Lenz regarding his farming of township property by the cemetery. J. Lenz will be getting a lease agreement for Board approval.

New Business:

1. Motion by Partridge and seconded by Murphy to approve increase the Recycling Module category in the 2016 budget by \$1500.00 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote– 7 ayes, 0 nays
2. Approved having the 2017 budget Public Hearing at the November 15, 2016 meeting.
3. Request by Supervisor Brown to continue having Trustee Partridge as the township representative on the BIRCH board. Request approved.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the warrants totaling \$16,290.49. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays

Dept. Reports:

\*\*County Comm. Report – Hoot Gibson

\*\*E-911: - Service Contract renewal turned over to County Commissioners for their review.

\*\*Treasurer's Report: Motion by Murphy, seconded by Brown to accept the treasurer's report as presented and place on file. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 nays

\*\*Clerk –Absent voter ballots sent out, increase in requests

\*\*Supervisor Brown – Aldi building doing well, attended Thornapple Twp. meeting for recycling

Public Comments – None

Board member comments:

Murphy- bluebird houses installed around and in the cemetery, clerk will contact and have those inside the cemetery moved.

Adjourn: Motion by Murphy, seconded by R, Mennell to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk