

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the September 14, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Brown, Clerk A. Mennell, Treasurer J. Phillips, Trustees, S. Savage, W. Wetzel, T. McNally, and J. Partridge.

Also Present: 3 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee McNally to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting, and other consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

County Commissioner Report

Geiger spoke on reapportionment of county and possible increase in number of commissioners, task force for ARPA funds and broadband in the county

Previous Business

1. Great American Rescue Plan application has been approved and will be received in installments in next month or so.

New Business:

1. Leach Lake Weed Control, Clerk Mennell states that the 5-year assessment has expired and will need to be approved for another five years before winter taxes assessed. Joint meeting with Carlton township will take place on October 11 with representative from PLM in attendance. Letters will be mailed to property owners and notice published in paper.
2. Our elected official have been exempted from paying in Social Security due to previous officers electing to out because of being participants in a public retirement system. Clerk Mennell has researched and determined this can be detrimental in collecting social security on previous jobs or spousal benefits and in seeking township board members in the future. Motion by Wetzel and seconded by McNally to opt in to paying Social Security and for the Clerk to carry out the steps required for such. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes and 0 nays.
3. Supervisor Brown requested permission to attend the MI Recycling Coalition Conference in Bay City With an anticipated cost of \$746.00. Motion by Mennell seconded by Partridge to approved Supervisor to attend Conference and for expense allotment not to exceed \$800.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the warrants totaling \$11,070.13. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote– 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer’s Report: presented list of financial institutes for Boards approval for any fund’s township possess, motion by Phillips and seconded by Wetzel to accepts the list, requested approval for ARPA funds to be deposited into Commercial bank motion by Wetzel, seconded by McNally, motion by McNally seconded by Partridge to accept the treasurers report as presented, ALL MOTIONS CARRIED – 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

**Clerk’s Report: no election in November and our election equipment had its required maintenance done inhouse.

**Supervisor Report: requested permission to submit a letter of support from the Township for the BC Road Commission to receive some of the County's ARPA grant funds. Township residents have stopped in asking why the recycling module is always full, been explaining about other townships and city residents' usage of the module, discussion on ways to improve.

Public Comments –
None

Board member comments:

Savage ask about placement of other recycling modules in the County, Wetzel on code enforcement and how to turn in complaint, and Partridge on a dust control test project.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Menell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____