

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the October 14, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge, who also led opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Partridge, Clerk D. Olson, Treasurer J. Phillips. Trustees, D. Eichholz, A. Holtrust, B. Scheck and W. Wetzel.

Also Present: 1 guest

Public Comment

None

Agendas: Motion made by Trustee Scheck and seconded by Trustee Eichholz to accept meeting agenda. Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and Library reports. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Holtrust; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Reported various updates: COA building progress, jail study in progress with upcoming public comment, and negotiations for 2026 employee contracts. Also mentioned new paved road at county fairgrounds.

Unfinished Business

1. Parking Lot – discussion on quote submitted by Murray’s Asphalt for repairs and repainting of stripes. Decision made to wait until Spring 2026 to consider resealing, crack sealing, etc.
2. Recycling module – Supervisor Partridge maintaining agenda line item for recycling for eventual revitalization of program.

New Business

1. Budget hearing – Supervisor Partridge reported of initial work on preparing budget for coming fiscal year, timeline for review & public comment and eventual passage.
2. Salary / Pay Resolution – Supervisor Partridge presented 2026 draft pay schedule for Township Board members. Following discussion, Clerk Olson made motion to accept Resolution 2025-02 “COMPENSATION” with presented pay schedule, seconded by Trustee Scheck. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.
3. Charitable Gaming License Resolution – Supervisor Partridge presented request by Charlton Park Gas & Steam, Inc. that the Township pass a resolution. The resolution would acknowledge, as the US Dept. of Treasury had already done, the organization’s 501(c)(3) status “operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.” Following discussion, Trustee Eichholz made motion, seconded by Trustee Scheck, to pass the resolution as presented; motion carried.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Holtrust to approve the warrants totaling \$56,294.77 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

****Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Scheck to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**** Clerk’s Report:** Over 450 Absentee ballots mailed, with about 200 returned. Sexton reported cemetery cleared of American flags earlier than normal, due to weathering, along with non-compliant decorations. MTA report showing expected loss of constitutional revenue sharing, due to recent state budget passage. Reminder to Elections Commission members, to meet following regular Board meeting, to approve election workers.

** Supervisor's Report: Read thank you card from Township resident, appreciative of restored road signage. Also, reported of current housing discussion going on in Black Hills Drive neighborhood, regarding delivered modular home and current Home Owners Association agreement.

Public Comment

None

Board member comments

Trustee Eichholz expressed gratitude for discussion process of the Board. Trustee Scheck commented on latest fire report and fire department's recent equipment testing. Trustee Holtrust reported of upcoming Lincoln Day dinner, with event details.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Scheck. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____