HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the November 10, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge. Opening prayer led by Clerk Olson, followed by the pledge to the flag.

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

Also Present: 8 guests

Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Eichholz to accept meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment
George Becker – questions & comments regarding the Indian Hills Subdivision Improvements - Special Assessment District (IH-SAD): had under the interest rate was to be 3.5%. Supervisor Partridge stated that the rate given was 4.35%, which had been determined to be lower than the average rate offered by banks. Mr. Becker noted that the Cost Schedule was missing one digit; Clerk to investigate. Mr. Becker observed that the project was otherwise very nice and requested that the Board communicate to the residents, per the recommendation of the Road Commission, that property owners clean their respective drains.
Roselyn Becker – read aloud portion of letter recently received as part of the IH-SAD, asking for clarification on retainage monies. Supervisor explained allowance for legals fees stemming from Tax Tribunal process. No further funds were anticipated and retainage would ultimately be credited back to those on the assessment.
Travis Collur – commented on new name of campground, formerly Barry Resort, now Eagles Point.

Consent Agenda
Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the October 13, 2026 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report, library and Chamber of Commerce reports, as well as draft minutes of the Leach Lake Special Assessment District. Motion made by Trustee Westveer to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Scheck; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen
Reported on passage of County 2027 budget, jail updates and considerations for the future use of the Friend of the Court building.

Unfinished Business
1. Recycling module – Supervisor still hoping to start operations with metal & cardboard soon.
2. IH-SAD – Supervisor Partridge gave general updates: number of residents paying off early, contingency fee, one appeal to the Tax Tribunal. Discussion on settlement and authority to act on behalf of the Board legally. Motion by Supervisor for the Township to finance the assessment, rather than pursue a bank loan AND to draw from both Township Improvement Fund and General Fund, seconded by Clerk Olson. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.
3. Cemetery mapping – Supervisor Partridge reported that Celebrate Life had nearly completed mapping process, availability to Township administrators to operate coming soon.
4. Flock / Public camera surveillance – Trustee Eichholz presented data on the Flock Safety Systems and similar automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems. County Sheriff Dar Leaf – gave general explanation of Flock operations, in combination with home security cameras. Gave examples of tracking use, positive and negative incidents and described typical operation agreements and the limited scope in Barry County. Trustee Eichholz presented resolution to declare Township's stance regarding ALPRs; discussion ensued. Motion by Trustee Westveer to adopt resolution as 2026-08, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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5. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Supervisor gave update of the City of Hastings and three townships moving forward with agreement with Life EMS to provide ambulance services, $250,000 shared, the Township portion being $54,000 annually. Discussion on mutual aid obligations of EMS as required in state law and possible creation of a mutual aid agreement with non-participating municipalities. Board in general agreement; discussion tabled for future consideration.

New Business

Resort / Campground Resolution – Travis Collur, of Eagles Point Resort & Campground (EP), described purchase of former Barrys Resort property by himself & business partner. In process of getting water resource assets in compliance with MI EGLE Water Division requirements. Discussed process. Supervisor Partridge read aloud proposed resolution to support EP's endeavors to properly own and operate the water system assets and manage water resources on the property residents. Motion by Clerk Olson to adopt resolution as 2026-07, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Close of regular meeting for 2027 Budget Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Partridge, seconded by Trustee Eichholz, to close the regular meeting at 7:55 pm and open the 2027 Budget meeting. Motion carried.

Budget Meeting

Supervisor Partridge presented the 2027 preliminary budgets for the General Fund revenues and expenditures, and for the Special Assessment Funds, for review. Discussion and review of changes to fire and ambulance costs. The proposed budget will be presented for final approval at the December meeting. Motion by Trustee Wetzel to close the Budget meeting at 8:05 pm and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Westveer. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting reopened

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Supervisor Partridge and seconded by Trustee Westveer to approve the warrants totaling $24,272.05 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dept. Reports:

**Treasurer's Report: Presented report and described plan for addressing upcoming expenditures. Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Eichholz to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

** Clerk's Report: Reported on general election voter participation, election inspectors and preliminary notes from the County Clerk and Board of Canvassers.

** Supervisor's Report: Reminded of December Board of Review and need to approve those members for board renewal. Also mentioned other upcoming events, the rebuild of TangleTown children's park. Informed of discussion with potential land developer and considerations of water & sewer from the City. Requested to attend upcoming MTA training. Motion by Clerk Olson, seconded by Trustee Scheck, to approve expenditure for attendance. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Public Comment

Mr. & Mrs. Becker – asked for clarification on Tax Tribunal settlement. Discussion ensued regarding options by the Township regarding such appeals and associated legals costs. Beckers encouraged Board to consider consulting with the attorney about amending the IH-SAD agreement.

Board member comments

Trustee Eichholz – congratulated Representative-Elect Brandon Strong, thanked Board for support on ALPR resolution and advised that contractor for cemetery gateway has the repair on the list. Trustee Scheck – reviewed Fire Department report, noting the Department's stress on certified training. Clerk Olson – reported on county meeting with BS&A reps, proposals by vendors with website security & ADA services. Advised of Chamber of Commerce community guides and upcoming cemetery clean-up & library

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rep position. Trustee Westveer – thanked Board for the Trustee appointment and the open dialogue when considering various issues. Board thanked Trustee Westveer, as well, for his time on the Board.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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