

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

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge and Clerk Olson led opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

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

Also Present: 3 guests

Public Comment

None

Fire Chief – M. Jordan

Reported on members recently licensed as EMT's. Going forward will train all at EMT level. Grants submitted for various training and for aerial truck. Discussion on the firehouse, comparison of day-time to night-time emergency responses, funding, and district transfers.

Agendas: Motion made by Trustee Scheck and seconded by Trustee Westveer to accept meeting agenda, with the adjustment of moving the Barry County Chamber & Economic Development Alliance (BCCEDA) presentation before the County report. Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and Library reports. Motion made by Trustee Eichholz to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Westveer; motion carried.

New Business

1. BCCEDA – President & CEO Jennifer Heinzman gave overview of and update on various projects around the county, including housing assistance & municipal collaboration. Described current and future projects in various stages of planning and execution - career & tech centers, water for coming Meijer store, mini flight school and recycling partnership with Barry Conservation District. Mrs. Heinzman also discussed membership benefits, funding & high-speed internet.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Gave update on Commission on Aging roadway review by Dept. of Transportation. Discussed septic code changes being addressed at state level; county commissioner board drafting resolution in response.

Unfinished Business

1. EGLE recycling grant – Supervisor Partridge discussed procedural review regarding the grant application that was submitted to the state. No further discussion currently. A response from EGLE is still expected by June.

New Business (continued)

2. Website compliance – Supervisor Partridge described the Justice Department's fine rule published in accord with the ADA Title II regarding various services and programs offered government entities, which include website accessibility. To that end, the Supervisor is soliciting quotes by website designers for the township's compliance date in April 2027.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Eichholz to approve the warrants totaling \$183,742.11 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

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

** Clerk's Report: MI Assoc. of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) conference scheduled for June 15-19, for various clerk training and updates. Motion made by Supervisor Partridge to approve registration and fuel reimbursement not to exceed \$1,200.00, seconded by Trustee Westveer. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

** Supervisor's Report: Advised of recent personal donation made to local event in the name of the township. Board of Review to occur this week. Announced BCCEDA event coming soon. Participated in recent Artificial Intelligence (AI) training. Announced that the Treasurer & Deputy offered to repaint the township hall bathrooms for just the cost of the paint. Supervisor motioned, seconded by Trustee Westveer to authorize paint purchase not to exceed \$200.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Comment

None

Board member comments

Trustee Eichholz proposed Saturday May 16th for cemetery clean-up and flag placement. In the process of soliciting quotes for masonry work on brick entranceway to cemetery. Trustees Scheck and Westveer commented on the recent emergency personnel qualification training and fire services.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____