

**HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the June 10, 2025**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge  
Opening prayer by Trustee Holtrust 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: 3 guests

Public Comment  
None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Holtrust to accept meeting agenda, seconded by Trustee Eichholz. Motion carried. Consent Agenda items: minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting, Fire report and Library report. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Scheck; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teuessen

Gave updates regarding Commission on Aging building permits, Johnstown Township solar project and jail project planning and estimating.

Unfinished Business

1. Annual financial audit – CPA Daniel Veldhuizen, assurance partner at Siegfried Crandall delivered the annual financial audit for 2024. Discussion on financial comparisons with 2023, total net position, analysis of investment practices, budget variance and depreciation expenses. Overall calculated general fund ending balance of \$1,327,511. Trustee Wetzel motioned and Treasurer Phillips seconded to accept report as given; motion carried.
2. Ambulance service. Supervisor Partridge gave updates on other townships considering to approve funding their respective contribution toward a backup ambulance for BIRCH.
3. Road gravel expense – Supervisor Partridge reported results of considerations to augment certain high-traffic gravel roads in the township. Discussion with Road Commission Chair decided that better overall effective use would be to increase the township budget to the Highways & Streets fund, by \$30,000 over the next three years. Since gravel roads are addressed every other year, that would be \$10,000 added to the 2025 maintenance budget and \$20,000 to the 2027 budget. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Holtrust to accept the budget change as proposed. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business  
None

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Scheck to approve the warrants totaling \$26,035.06 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

\*\*Treasurer's Report: Motion by Trustee Eichholz with second by Trustee Scheck to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

\*\* Clerk's Report: none

\*\* Supervisor's Report: With certain other matters out of the way, Supervisor is freer to devote time to recycling and ambulance projects.

Public Comment

Dana Yarger of Barry Co. Medical Control Authority spoke on the importance and current status of medical response effectiveness, coordination, volunteers, and training. Mrs. Yarger said she would make sure the township is sent reports of activity and analysis; thanked board for its support.

Board member comments

Trustee Eichholz commended the audit. Trustee Scheck reported on Fire Chief's presentation of 1-year improvements, as well as service call increase. Treasurer Phillips thanked Trustee Holtrust for input on the newsletter preparation. Trustee Holtrust commended the Supervisor's work thus far on emergency services and underlined the concerns of rapid population increases and its effect on community services. Clerk Olson commented on cemetery ordinance review, recent election training and upcoming events. Trustee Wetzel appreciated Supervisor's handling of affairs while caring for aged parent.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_