

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the June 9, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge and opening prayer by Trustee Scheck and the pledge to the flag.

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

Also Present: 4 guests

Meeting Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Scheck and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to accept current agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting, emergency services reports and Library reports. Motion made by Trustee Scheck and seconded by Trustee Westveer to accept all consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R Teunessen

Reported on various updates: drafting resolution in response to state legislation to shift various zoning authorities away from local government to state agencies, brokered last union pay agreement, Commission on Aging build on track for end of August opening. Also, jail project, relooking at current building in lieu of building elsewhere.

Unfinished Business

1. Recycling module – No new information / updates.
2. Cemetery Arch repair – Trustee Eichholz reported having contact from third estimator Hawthorne Masonry; waiting for quote.
3. Computer replacements – Supervisor received recommendations from local tech regarding what to look for in buying updated computers for the Clerk and Treasurer. Still considering MiDEAL for options through the state bargaining.

New Business

1. Fire Chief report – Mark Jordan reviewed current calls and 1-year ago comparisons. ISO audit complete and awaiting results; hoping to lower some ratings in the county. Discussion on dry hydrant installation plans, excellent report on recent factory fire response and upcoming RFP for new fire equipment. Also reported of grant applications and upcoming 911 Camp for kids.
2. Sexton Review – Nancy Hallifax and Amy Patton of Hallifax Services, gave introductions, complimented additional decoration of cemetery for Memorial Day. Discussed possible management and storage of abandoned flower urns. Advised of lax adherence to cemetery decoration rules by visitors. Discussed additional rule postings with the future installation of section signs. Also discussed picking a singular location for additional-use dirt, grass reseeding, trimming of low-hanging branches and possible purchase of a sod cutter.
3. Indian Hills subdivision Special Assessment District (SAD) – Supervisor reminded of next meeting June 23, 2026 and reviewed map of subdivision.
4. Chamber “Level-Up” program – Clerk discussed the offer made by the Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Association, regarding municipal partnerships. Following discussion,

Clerk Olson made the motion to maintain status quo of annual membership, seconded by Trustee Scheck. Motion carried.

Warrants presented for payment - Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Scheck to approve the warrants totaling \$27,289.90 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Department Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Motion by Trustee Scheck, 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: Looking to coordinate time to discuss with MiDEAL about their benefits / savings toward computer replacements. Following discussion, motion was made by Trustee Wetzel to approve not-to-exceed \$200 for MiDEAL membership for the calendar year, seconded by Supervisor Partridge. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk also mentioned of upcoming reporting of election inspectors; call for Election Commission meeting to follow Board meeting.
- Supervisor's Report: Reported on upcoming silent auction event by The Chamber. Explained changes made to some of state revenue sharing: a portion returned by the state would be earmarked 75% to a police force / employment and 25% to an approved emergency service. Following discussion, motion was made by Supervisor Partridge, seconded by Trustee Scheck to allocate the 75% to the Sheriff's Posse or Water Enforcement Patrol and the 25% to the BIRCH Fire Association. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Comment

None

Board Member Comments

Clerk Olson asked that power-washing the township hall be considered, that the Indian Hills SAD minutes were in draft form, that he would be out of the office next week at conference and compliments to our Library reps for keeping us informed of programs and events.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____.