HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the September 8, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge at township hall in historic Charlton Park. Trustee Wetzel led opening prayer and 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: 3 guests

Agenda: Supervisor Partridge requested to add agenda item of Leach Lake Assessment to New Business. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept adjusted meeting agenda, seconded by Trustee Westveer. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Charlton Park Director Dan Patton – gave introduction of himself and current year's vibrant schedule of events, some improvement grants submitted and upcoming projects. Commended his staff for their work. Bob Main of Indian Hills subdivision – related recent erosion issues from heavy storms and eventual repairs by Road Commission. Also expressed some concern regarding grading work, as evidenced when construction vehicle got stuck and had to be pulled out.

Consent Agenda
Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the August 11, 2026 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and library report. Motion made by Trustee Scheck to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Wetzel; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen
Reported of decision on construction company for jail project, submitted plans / details available to see. COA opening ceremonies set for Sept. 29th.

Unfinished Business
1. Recycling module – Supervisor has goal to have unit cleaned out by end of month. Possible transport assistance found.
2. Replacement computers for Twp. – Clerk's laptop is now running with some software yet to load. Treasurer will wait until after Summer Tax deadline.
3. Zoning Resolution – Supervisor presented township version of County's resolution opposing state preemption of local zoning authority. Following brief discussion, Trustee Westveer made motion, seconded by Trustee Scheck, to approve Resolution 2026-06 as written. Motion carried.

New Business
1. Carpet cleaning estimates – Supervisor presented two bids submitted to clean carpets, noting local bidder Key Cleaning said they could adjust their bid in comparison to other lower bids. Following discussion, motion made by Trustee Scheck, seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve Key Cleaning with Supervisor following up on their promise regarding lower bids. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.
2. Ambulance service / EMS – Supervisor explained contract history with Life EMS, that ultimately only that company responded to recent public bid for new contract. Supervisor detailed shared costs of various scenarios, depending on how many townships participate in such a contract. No decision made as City of Hastings and surrounding townships still in discussion.
3. Leach Lake weed control – Supervisor is in contact with Carlton Township supervisor and PLM contractor, to set up future public comment meetings, regarding contract to renew before end of year.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Supervisor Partridge to approve the warrants totaling $19,090.90 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dept. Reports:
**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Clerk Olson, seconded by Supervisor Partridge to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
** Clerk's Report: Shared letter sent by Hope Township regarding their Master Plan update meeting. Encouraged board to consider various webinars and workshops being offered, regarding subjects of interest and concern to the township.
** Supervisor's Report: Advised of upcoming community events & training. To meet with cemetery mapping contractor Sept. 29th. Reported status on fire-damaged property, life insurance withholding municipality list and local church getting clarity on parcel information.

Public Comment
None

Board member comments
Trustee Eichholz commented on Clerk's recent statements regarding voter roll. Trustee Scheck gave comments on latest fire report, its importance and effect on the community. Clerk Olson commented on upcoming election deadlines. Trustee Westveer asked for clarification on ambulance service decisions – concern to make sure public was informed.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____