HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the November 11, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:31 pm by Supervisor Jim Partridge, and Trustee Scheck led opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Supervisor James Partridge, Clerk David Olson, Treasurer Jenee Phillips, Trustees Don Eichholz, Bruce Scheck and William Wetzel. Trustee Amber Holtrust absent.

Also Present: 1 guest

Public Comment
None

Agendas: Supervisor Partridge removed review of City property transfer fund from agenda for sake of budget meeting; table until next month. Motion made by Trustee Eichholz and seconded by Trustee Scheck to accept meeting agenda as adjusted. Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the October 14, 2025 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and Library reports. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Scheck; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen
Reported various updates: COA building progress, Barry-Eaton Health Dept., jail study with rescheduled public comment meeting. 2026 County budget passed, but employee contract negotiations still ongoing. Lastly, reported of Deputy Administrator retiring and replacement found.

Unfinished Business
1. Parking Lot – Murray's Asphalt on schedule for repairs and repainting in June. Price quote already given will be honored, but Murray's will conduct a new inspection in May, to consider if conditions have changed.
2. Recycling module – still ongoing search for means of transporting metals to local recycler.

New Business
1. Barry County Road Commission (BCRC) – Supervisor Partridge shared dates that the Commission is hoping to have townships reserve for meeting at BCRC facilities, for annual updates / meet-and-greet. Also, Township would look to inviting representative to speak at February 2026 regular Board meeting.
2. December dinner before meeting – Board members will share potluck meal at 5:30 PM, before the next regular monthly meeting.

Closing of regular meeting for Budget Hearing
Motion by Trustee Wetzel to close the regular meeting at 6:54 pm, seconded by Trustee Eichholz; motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Partridge to open the 2026 Budget Meeting, seconded by Clerk Olson; motion carried.

Budget Meeting
Supervisor Partridge presented the 2026 preliminary budgets for the General Fund revenues and expenditures, and for the Special Assessment Funds for review. Discussion on major changes in fire and ambulance costs, in legislation on state revenue sharing and 2026 election-related costs. The budget forecasts an operating deficit of $35,000 for the year of 2026. The inevitability of a future millage request, in order to maintain current Fire / EMS, was discussed. The proposed budget will be presented for final approval at the December meeting. Motion by Trustee Wetzel to close the Budget Hearing at 7:32 pm and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Eichholz; motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting reopened

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Scheck and seconded by Trustee Wetzel to approve the warrants totaling $23,608.51 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:
**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Eichholz to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.
** Clerk's Report: November school millage election ran smoothly for the township. Proposed adjustment to 2025 Budget for Highway Repair account, from $28,000.00 to $87,873.00. Per the representative Siegfried and Crandall, the retained financial auditor, the township has the ability to change the reporting of the road repair fund from a 5 year tracking to actual annual tracking. The proposed adjustment would set the township record correctly for the current year, allowing for actual annual expenditures going forward. Trustee Wetzel seconded the proposed motion. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.
** Supervisor's Report: Commented on Open Complaints report of code enforcement issues being addressed and resolved. Commented on changes of state addressing high speed internet goals and projections. Discussed upcoming township newsletter and ideas for input.

Public Comment
None

Board member comments
Trustee Eichholz discussed recent correspondence from Barry County Chamber & Economic Development Alliance – article regarding solicitations from townships. Trustee Scheck commented on recent fire statistics and reporting system, in conjunction with Life EMS.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved ______________________________ **Clerk**

Date ______________________________

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2026 BUDGET IN SUMMARY
GENERAL FUND - Adopted:

GENERAL FUND	2023	2024	2025	2026
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	as of 10/31	PROP.BUDGET
REVENUE	0.7046 mill	0.702	0.6871	0.6527
TAXES & PENALTIES	$ 80,207.00	$ 80,116.08	$ 87,580.10	$ 92,000.00
FEES	$ 3,667.00	$ 2,346.23	$ 1,525.54	$ 1,950.00
REVENUE SHARING	$ 334,332.00	$ 332,196.00	$ 270,088.00	$ 325,500.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	$ 33,129.00	$ 37,418.05	$ 6,472.50	$ 34,300.00
INTEREST	$ 33,589.00	$ 40,798.38	$ 31,678.12	$ 30,000.00
SAD LEACH LAKE	$ 5,373.00	$ 5,373.27	$ -	$ 4,800.00
MISC. REVENUE	$ 344,379.00	$ 29,710.15	$ 18,610.54	$ 24,000.00
TOTAL	**$ 834,676.00**	**$ 527,958.16**	**$ 415,954.80**	**$ 512,550.00**
DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION	$ 18,486.00	$ 20,034.33	$ 16,711.44	$ 24,210.88
SUPERVISOR	$ 23,388.00	$ 24,672.54	$ 20,869.01	$ 26,282.15
ASSESSOR	$ 21,282.00	$ 23,223.52	$ 20,459.31	$ 26,800.00
CLERK	$ 28,613.00	$ 33,470.79	$ 30,400.10	$ 37,371.57
BOARD OF REVIEW	$ 5,227.00	$ 3,192.67	$ 3,098.32	$ 4,920.00
TREASURER	$ 32,455.00	$ 36,285.32	$ 30,972.53	$ 37,776.23
ELECTIONS	$ 4,811.00	$ 21,226.15	$ 2,419.43	$ 18,200.00
TOWNSHIP HALL	$ 26,063.00	$ 22,442.81	$ 24,917.95	$ 20,600.00
CEMETERY	$ 11,781.00	$ 13,030.66	$ 10,078.53	$ 16,590.00
FIRE	$ 153,439.00	$ 130,317.00	$ 197,081.35	$ 200,900.00
PUBLIC DRAINS	$ 374.00	$ 91,374.33	$ -	$ 375.00
SAD LEACH LAKE	$ 4,253.00	$ 4,203.40	$ 4,288.69	$ 4,840.00
HIGHWAYS	$ 28,080.00	$ 404,047.00	$ 38,000.00	$ 110,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	$ 711.00	$ 751.60	$ 631.27	$ 800.00
RECYCLING	$ 1,124.00	$ 250.00	$ -	$ 1,500.00
REC & CULTURE	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
PLANNING	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500.00
LIBRARY BOARD	$ 1,292.00	$ 1,246.38	$ 19,442.01	$ 1,827.64
INSURANCE,BONDS &FRINGES	$ 5,589.00	$ 5,893.00	$ 7,028.00	$ 7,500.00
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	$ 345.00	$ 950.52	$ 330.99	$ 350.00
PAYROLL TAXES	$ -	$ 2,136.66	$ 5,385.52	$ 6,331.73
TOTAL	**$ 367,313.00**	**$ 838,748.68**	**$ 432,114.45**	**$ 547,675.20**
		projected remainder	$ 72,163.11	
cash flow-pos or (neg)	$ 467,363.00	$ (310,790.52)	$ (88,322.76)	$ (35,125.20)
Current Balance			$ 1,144,000.00	
Projected ending balance			$ 1,055,677.24	

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HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP						
2025 BUDGET IN SUMMARY						
SPECIAL ASESSMENT FUNDS - Adopted 12/10/2024						
Library Fund **	**2024**	**2025**	**2025**	**2026**		
	ACTUAL	**Budget**	**as of 10/31**	**PROP.BUDGET**		
	1.6 mill	1.53 mill	1.497 mil	1.42		
					taxable value	130000
REVENUE	137,756			184,600		
EXPENDITURES	(137,756)			(184,600)		
Fund Balance Begin of Year	-	-	-	-		
Fund Balance End of Year	-	-	-	-		
	2024	**2025**	**2025**	**2026**		
Sewer Fund **	**ACTUAL**	**Budget**	**as of 10/31**	**PROP.BUDGET**		
REVENUE	28,600	28,600		28,600		
EXPENDITURES	(28,600)	(28,600)		(28,600)		
Fund Balance Begin of Year	-	-	-	-		
Fund Balance End of Year	-	-	-	-		

Revenue
11/10/2025

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN
GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	LINE ITEM	Actual 2023 0.7046 mill	Actual 2024 0.7046 mill	Budget 2025 0.7020 mill	Yr to Date 2025	Proposed Budget 2026 0.6871 mill
TAXES & PENALTIES						
101-402	CURRENT PROPERTY TAX	$ 76,935.00	$ 80,116.08	$ 86,237.00	$ 81,901.01	$ 88,000.00
101-412	DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX	$ 3,272.00	$ -		$ 5,679.09	$ 4,000.00
		$ 80,207.00	**$ 80,116.08**	**$ 86,237.00**	**$ 87,580.10**	**$ 92,000.00**
FEES						
101-435	TRAILER FEES	$ 251.00	$ 635.00	$ 1,100.00	$ 121.00	$ 250.00
101-476	CABLE FRANCHISE FEE	$ 3,416.00	$ 1,711.23	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,404.54	$ 1,700.00
		$ 3,667.00	**$ 2,346.23**	**$ 2,800.00**	**$ 1,525.54**	**$ 1,950.00**
REVENUE SHARING						
101-574	REVENUE SHARING	$ 325,356.00	$ 322,697.00	$ 325,000.00	$ 270,088.00	$ 316,000.00
101-580	OTHER STATE SHARED INCOME	$ 8,976.00	$ 9,499.00	$ 9,500.00	$ -	$ 9,500.00
		$ 334,332.00	**$ 332,196.00**	**$ 334,500.00**	**$ 270,088.00**	**$ 325,500.00**
CHARGE FOR SERVICES						
101-447	ADMINISTRATION FEE	$ 33,069.00	$ 36,118.05	$ 27,250.00	$ 4,052.50	$ 34,000.00
101-643	CEMETERY LOT SALES	$ 60.00	$ 1,300.00	$ 300.00	$ 2,420.00	$ 300.00
		$ 33,129.00	**$ 37,418.05**	**$ 27,550.00**	**$ 6,472.50**	**$ 34,300.00**
INTEREST						
101-665	GENERAL FUND INTEREST	$ 22,484.00	$ 27,344.11	$ 22,000.00	$ 22,885.55	$ 21,000.00
101-666	TWP. IMPROVE. FUND INTEREST	$ 11,105.00	$ 13,454.27	$ 10,000.00	$ 8,792.57	$ 9,000.00
		$ 33,589.00	**$ 40,798.38**	**$ 32,000.00**	**$ 31,678.12**	**$ 30,000.00**
S.A.D. LEACH LAKE						
101-670	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INCOME	**$ 5,373.00**	**$ 5,373.27**	**$ 4,800.00**	**$ -**	**$ 4,800.00**
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE						
101-565	STATE GRANT - ARPA FUNDS	$ 316,363.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
101-671	MISC. REVENUE	$ 6,210.00	$ 9,518.55	$ 1,950.00	$ 788.93	$ 500.00
101-672	METRO ACT PAYMENT	$ 5,816.00	$ 740.69	$ 740.00	$ 7,488.99	$ 7,500.00
101-676	MISC. REIMBURSE	$ 3,085.00	$ 7,611.54	$ 3,600.00	$ 1,196.25	$ 5,000.00
101-694	LANDFILL IMPACT FEE	$ 12,905.00	$ 11,839.37	$ 11,000.00	$ 9,136.37	$ 11,000.00
		$ 344,379.00	**$ 29,710.15**	**$ 17,290.00**	**$ 18,610.54**	**$ 24,000.00**
	TOTAL REVENUE	**$ 834,676.00**	**$ 527,958.16**	**$ 505,177.00**	**$ 415,954.80**	**$ 512,550.00**

		2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	PROPOSED 2025	thru 3rd Qtr 2025	PROPOSED 2026
101-101-TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION						
-702	PER DIEMS	$ 4,802.00	$ 5,395.68	$ 6,032.00	$ 4,978.54	$ 7,448.64
-702	EXTRA PROJECTS	-		1,200.00		500.00
-715	PENSION	1,201.00	1,284.83	1,808.00	1,359.63	1,862.24
-726	OFFICE SUPPLIES	168.00	190.34	450.00	-	150.00
-801	PROF. SERVICES (audit)	6,170.00	7,075.00	7,000.00	6,700.00	6,850.00
-806	LEGAL FEES	-	-	2,500.00	-	1,500.00
-900	PUBLISHING	1,984.00	1,001.55	1,800.00	823.80	1,900.00
-930	MAIN./REPAIRS	773.00	825.06	1,000.00	347.36	1,000.00
-950	DUES,MEMBERS	2,474.00	2,877.27	3,500.00	2,454.11	2,500.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	914.00	507.74	750.00	48.00	500.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY	-	717.61	-	-	$ -
		$ 18,486.00	**$ 19,875.08**	**$ 26,040.00**	**$ 16,711.44**	**$ 24,210.88**
101-171-SUPERVISOR						
-702	SALARY	18,524.00	19,080.12	19,653.00	$ 16,377.20	$ 20,242.15
-703	DEP.SUPERVISOR	0	-	500.00	-	500.00
-715	PENSION	4,631.00	4,372.43	5,039.00	4,491.81	5,190.00
-860	MILEAGE	-	52.26	500.00	-	100.00
-950	DUES,MEMBERS,TRAINING	90.00	-	1,000.00	-	100.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	143.00	73.00	150.00	-	150.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY		-	1,000.00	-	-
		$ 23,388.00	**$ 23,577.81**	**$ 27,842.00**	**$ 20,869.01**	**$ 26,282.15**
101-257- ASSESSOR						
-801	CONTRACTED SERVICES	19,500.00	21,300.00	23,100.00	19,250.00	24,900.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	1,782.00	1,923.52	2,000.00	1,209.31	1,900.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY		0	-	-	-
		$ 21,282.00	**$ 23,223.52**	**$ 25,100.00**	**$ 20,459.31**	**$ 26,800.00**
101-215-CLERK						
-702	SALARY	21,615.00	22,262.76	25,931.00	19,108.90	23,618.57
-703	DEPUTY WAGES	649.00	512.30	2,750.00	2,155.74	2,500.00
-705	FOIA		600.00		500.00	618.00
-715	PENSION	5,403.00	6,201.73	7,170.00	5,927.97	7,385.00
-860	MILEAGE	217.00	182.37	500.00	25.59	250.00
-950	DUES, CONFERENCE	-	250.00	1,500.00	-	500.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	729.00	2,355.15	1,500.00	2,681.90	2,500.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY	-	-	-	-	-
		$ 28,613.00	**$ 32,364.31**	**$ 39,351.00**	**$ 30,400.10**	**$ 37,371.57**

		2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	PROPOSED 2025	thru 3rd Qtr 2025	PROPOSED 2026
101-247-BOARD OF REVIEW						
-702	WAGES	3,396.00	2,622.26	3,043.00	2,248.38	3,135.00
-715	PENSION	546.00	374.68	761.00	405.94	785.00
-900	PUBLISHING	1,025.00	-	1,400.00	-	500.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	-	19.00	100.00	444.00	500.00
		$ 4,967.00	**$ 3,015.94**	**$ 5,304.00**	**$ 3,098.32**	**$ 4,920.00**
101-253-TREASURER						
-702	SALARY	$ 16,990.00	$ 17,500.44	$ 18,025.00	$ 15,021.20	$ 18,566.23
-703	DEPUTY WAGES	1,680.00	2,973.82	5,174.00	2,213.66	3,500.00
-704	SUMMER TAX COLL.	4,045.00	4,042.50	4,045.00	3,370.90	4,045.00
-715	PENSION	6,016.00	5,910.34	6,811.00	6,033.87	7,015.00
-860	MILEAGE	279.00	207.03	400.00	288.10	350.00
-950	DUES,MEMBERS	100.00	-	250.00	0.00	100.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	3,345.00	4,245.34	4,500.00	4,044.80	4,200.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY	-	-		-	
		$ 32,455.00	**$ 34,879.47**	**$ 39,205.00**	**$ 30,972.53**	**$ 37,776.23**
101-262-ELECTIONS						
-702	WAGES	1,450.00	13,407.50	2,200.00	-	10,000.00
-740	ELECTION SUPPLIES	1,283.00	925.65	750.00	612.75	1,500.00
-930	REPAIRS/MAIN.		-	750.00	-	500.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSE	2,078.00	6,347.57	250.00	1,806.68	6,200.00
-970	CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
		$ 4,811.00	**$ 20,680.72**	**$ 3,950.00**	**$ 2,419.43**	**$ 18,200.00**
101-265-TOWNSHIP HALL						
-702	WAGES/JANITOR	1,180.00	1,155.00	1,200.00	1,080.00	1,400.00
-740	SUPPLIES	234.00	292.78	100.00	40.62	300.00
-801	CONTRACT SERVICES	5,800.00	6,565.00	5,500.00	6,125.00	7,300.00
-920	UTILITIES	12,657.00	4,759.24	7,000.00	2,984.30	4,500.00
-930	REPAIRS, MAIN.	6,159.00	2,022.26	7,300.00	1,099.68	6,600.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	33.00	1,745.58	1,500.00	238.66	500.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY	-	5,836.00	15,000.00	13,349.69	-
		$ 26,063.00	**$ 22,375.86**	**$ 37,600.00**	**$ 24,917.95**	**$ 20,600.00**

		2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	PROPOSED 2025	thru 3rd Qtr 2025	PROPOSED 2026
101-276-CEMETERY						
-702	WAGES/ADMINISTRATOR		2,400.00	-	2,000.00	2,472.00
-715	PENSION		600.00		$ 500.00	618.00
-740	SUPPLIES	-	-	1,200.00	$ 24.15	950.00
-801	CONTRACTED SERVICES	9,900.00	12,150.00	10,800.00	9,000.00	10,800.00
-930	REPAIRS, MAIN.	476.00	475.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00
-956	MISC. EXPENSES	1,405.00	405.66	1,100.00	554.38	750.00
-970	CAP. OUTLAY		-		-	-
		$ 11,781.00	**$ 13,030.66**	**$ 14,100.00**	**$ 10,078.53**	**$ 16,590.00**
101-336-FIRE DEPT.						
-801	CONTRACT	153,439.00	130,317.00	145,000.00	177,881.35	162,500.00
819	COST RECVRY EX (ambulance svc)		-		19,200.00	38,400.00
-970	CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-		-	-
		$ 153,439.00	**$ 130,317.00**	**$ 145,000.00**	**$ 197,081.35**	**$ 200,900.00**
101-445-DRAIN EXPENSE		**$ 374.00**	**$ 91,374.33**	**$ 375.00**	**$ -**	**$ 375.00**
101-446-HIGHWAYS						
-930	REPAIRS, paved	**$ 28,080.00**	**$ 404,047.00**	**$ 87,873.00**	**$ 38,000.00**	**$ 110,000.00**
101-447-WEED CONTROL						
-801	LEACH LAKE SAD	**$ 4,253.00**	**$ 4,203.40**	**$ 4,840.00**	**$ 4,288.69**	**$ 4,840.00**
101-448-STREET LIGHTING		**$ 711.00**	**$ 751.60**	**$ 900.00**	**$ 631.27**	**$ 800.00**
101-52ξ	**RECYCLING**					
-956	Miscellaneous	996.00	250.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Mileage	128.00	-		-	0.00
	Capital Outlay	-	-	0.00	-	0.00
		$ 1,124.00	**$ 250.00**	**$ 500.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,500.00**
101-701-PLANNING						
-702	SALARIES	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
-715	PENSION	-	-	-	-	-
-716	FICA EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	-
-721	PLANNING SERV	-			-	-
-956	MISC. EXPENSE			-	-	-
		$ -	**$ -**	**$ 500.00**	**$ -**	**$ 500.00**

		2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	PROPOSED 2025	thru 3rd Qtr 2025	PROPOSED 2026
101-79(	LIBRARY BOARD					
-573	PPT reimbursements	-	-	-	18,097.95	
-702	WAGES	1,200.00	1,167.56	1,704.00	1,344.06	1,697.76
-715	PENSION	-	-	-	-	-
-716	FICA	92.00	78.82	-	-	129.88
		$ 1,292.00	$ 1,246.38	$ 1,704.00	$ 19,442.01	$ 1,827.64
101-850-OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES						
-750	Payroll Taxes		$ 2,136.66	$ 7,035.00	$ 5,385.52	$ 6,331.73
-930	Other - Misc	$ 345.00	$ 950.52	$ 2,500.00	$ 330.99	$ 350.00
		$ 345.00	$ 3,087.18	$ 9,535.00	$ 5,716.51	$ 6,681.73
101-851-INSURANCE, BONDS		$ 5,589.00	$ 5,893.00	$ 7,200.00	$ 7,028.00	$ 7,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$ 367,053.00	$ 834,193.26	$ 476,919.00	$ 432,114.45	$ 547,675.20
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TOTAL REVENUE		$ 834,676.00	$ 527,958.16	$ 505,177.00	$ 415,954.80	$ 512,550.00