

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the January 13, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Clerk D. Olson, and Trustee Holtrust led opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

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

Also Present: 3 guests

Appointing Meeting Moderator: In the absence of the Supervisor, Clerk Olson made the motion to approve Trustee Scheck as the moderator of the meeting, seconded by Trustee Wetzel; motion carried.

Public Comment

Ben Westveer introduced himself as new township member

Agendas: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Clerk Olson to accept meeting agenda. Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the December 9, 2025 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and Library reports. Motion made by Trustee Holtrust to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Wetzel; motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Reported updates on County Commissioners meeting schedule, court house security and jail project committee.

Unfinished Business

1. EGLE recycling grant – Clerk Olson read from correspondence from the County Recycling Coordinator regarding a grant application in the works and how the township is being considered as a recipient of a recycling unit, should the grant go through.

New Business

1. Board of Review (BOR) – Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Eichholz to approve BOR dates of March 3 (admin day), March 11 & 12 (reviews), 2026. Motion carried.
2. Board member resignation – Trustee Holtrust submitted her resignation letter with comments of thanks and gratitude to the board. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Clerk Olson to accept the resignation, effective conclusion of the meeting. Motion carried
3. Board vacancy – From the recommendation of Supervisor Partridge, motion made by Clerk Olson, seconded by Treasurer Phillips, to publish & post the vacant trustee position, deadline of February 3rd, 2026, with intention to review applications at February 10th, 2026 board meeting. Replacement to be appointed by the board and would serve the remainder of the current term.
4. Committee updates – heard comments from board members regarding the hall upkeep, cemetery status, communications efforts and recycling.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Eichholz to approve the warrants totaling \$17,694.26 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

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

** Clerk’s Report: Presented board with letter of acknowledgement, stating the transfer of authority & administration of township license of QuickBooks software to the current clerk. Board approved letter as written and two trustees signed letter, per the request of QuickBooks. Presented copy of letter to AAA Insurance Company regarding the withholding of a portion of insurance claim proceeds for property on

Coats Grove Road. Fire damage was rendered a complete loss, thus the township, per PA 495, is claiming a withholding of \$16,383, to be placed in escrow until such time as property cleanup and remediation occurs. Clerk presented final statistics of November 2025 (school millage) election participation by township eligible voters, contrasted with those of the November 2024 general (presidential) election.

Public Comment

Comment on the level of promotion for the November 2025 election.

Board member comments

Trustee Eichholz commended board participation. Trustee Holtrust gave appreciation for working with the rest of the board members during her term. Trustee Scheck commented on total 2025 fire calls and review.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____