

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the February 10, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Also Present: 11 guests, including 4 Trustee position applicants

Public Comment

Ellyn Main, Township's Library Board member, shared about the library's regular activities and special upcoming events. Handed out fliers. Code Enforcement Officer Chris Menzell introduced himself anew and gave brief scope of work and of his service to the Township residents.

Agendas: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Eichholz to accept meeting agenda, with the adjustment of moving the Road Commission report before County report. Motion carried. Consent Agenda composed of minutes of the January 13, 2026 regular meeting, Fire report, 911 report and Library reports. Motion made by Clerk Olson to accept all consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Trustee Scheck; motion carried.

New Business

1. Barry County Road Commission, 2026 Report – Managing Director Jake Welch introduced accompanying staff and reported of new hires. Reviewed 2025 work, in light of 5-yr plan, and mentioned start of bridge repair focus, depending on funding. Discussed legislative changes and their impact on funding: corporate tax, fuel tax application and marijuana tax.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

Reported progress on Commission on Aging building project and discussed at length factors surrounding jail / corrections facility: structural & operational needs, price tag for replacement.

Unfinished Business

1. EGLE recycling grant – Supervisor Partridge informed board that he had submitted the grant application for recycling funds, in tandem with the county's grant application. The projected grant applied for by the township is \$92,000, of which the township is projected to contribute the amount of \$12,000 for a cardboard compacting receptacle and the reopening of our module. Supervisor Partridge said there is an assumption of the township eventually needing to contribute a portion toward the overall project as well. A response is expected from the state by June.

New Business (continued)

2. Appointment of replacement Trustee – Township residents Joyce Black, Edwin Kortman, Robert Main and Benjamin Westveer gave introductions of themselves and presented their interest in and qualifications for applying for the vacant position. A time of discussion ensued with questions posed to the candidates. Clerk Olson motioned to close discussion and vote on the candidates; motioned seconded by Trustee Eichholz and motion carried. First round vote rendered a tie between Joyce Black and Ben Westveer. In a second vote, Benjamin Westveer garnered a majority of the vote and was thus installed to the position until results of the November 2026 general election.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Eichholz to approve the warrants totaling \$28,481.88 MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

****Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Supervisor Partridge, seconded by Trustee Scheck to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**** Clerk's Report:** None

**** Supervisor's Report:** Registered to participate in February 24, 2026 emergency pipeline training. Gave update on Coats Grove Road fire-damaged property. Mentioned condemned property on M-43 Hwy for auction and the March Board of Review dates.

Public Comment

None

Board member comments

Trustees Wetzel and Eichholz commended all applicants for their qualifications and willingness, and encouraged them to still consider running in the primary election this autumn. Clerk Olson announced local events occurring later this month. Supervisor Partridge commented on recycling survey and ADA website compliance requirements for 2027.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____