

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the February 13, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 6:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Brown

Roll Call: Supervisor J. Brown, Clerk A. Mennell, Treasurer J. Phillips. Trustees, D. Olson, W. Wetzel, S. Savage, absent J Partridge

Also Present: 3 guests

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Savage to accept the agenda seconded by Trustee Wetzel, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

No report

Previous Business

1. Automatic door openers - tabled

New Business:

1. 2023 audit - tabled
2. Resolution 2024-01 (Social Security), Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Olson to approve resolution 2024-01 for the implementation of Sec. 218 social security withhold from the elected township board members. Motion approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent
3. Motion by Trustee Savage and seconded by trustee Wetzel to approve the 5-year extension of the Right of Way agreement with KEPS Tech. beginning 8/12/2024 thru 8/11/2029. Motion approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent
4. Discussion on the upcoming meeting between BIRCH and the City of Hastings regarding changing the current agreement.
5. Discussion on the formation of a pollinator garden and the placement and size. Motion by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve \$150.00 to draft a detailed plan for a garden to the sides and back of the township hall. Motion approved 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the warrants totaling \$16,627.12. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Dept. Reports:

****Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Trustee Wetzel with second by Trustee Brown to accept the Treasurers report as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent

**** Clerk's Report:** spoke on the early voting, accuracy testing the voting equipment and packets for running for positions.

****Supervisor Report –** start-up of a used car dealership in township approved by planning and zoning.

Public Comments –

Jim Mayer (automatic door presenter) suggested we do a preventative maintenance on our doors prior to election as they are having issues. Motion by Trustee Savage and seconded by Trustee Olson to have Jim Mayer do maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.

Board member comments

Olson on letter he's giving to public on getting involved with your community, Phillips on a tax initiative to repeal real property taxes making itself known, Mennell on the election.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Wetzel, seconded by Clerk Mennell to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____

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