

HASTINGS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the October 8, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order -Pledge to the Flag: 6:30 pm by Clerk Mennell acting for absent Supervisor Brown.

Board meeting Chair appointment – due to absence of Supervisor, Clerk Mennell motioned to appoint Trustee partridge as Board Chair for the meeting, Motion seconded by Trustee Olson, motion passed

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

Also Present: 5 guests

Public Comment

R. Teunessen on the importance of sinking fund millage for Hastings Schools, Nick Damico introduced himself (Superintendent of Hastings Schools) and spoke about how sinking funds used, B .Scheck spoke about importance of keeping Hastings schools maintained. Chloe Kelly, library rep. reported on library activity and policy revisions.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Wetzel to accept the agenda seconded by Trustee Olson, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting and other consent agenda items. Motion carried.

County Commissioner – R. Teunessen

New undersheriff appointment, COA capital fund raising and current funds committed. Possible other projects that maybe hooked in with the COA building when completed and hooked to Harvest Point. New county administrator in process of meeting with all dept. heads. 8% Raises were given across the Board for positions not previously covered by Salary Compensation Committee.

Previous Business

1. DBI quote- needs cancellation letter from Township on our letterhead to formally cancel project the board had previously voted to not go ahead with and to get final invoice, Clerk Mennell will send letter.

New Business:

1. Parking lot maintenance quote – after discussion Board decided to not accept full quote at this time and to only go with the rubber crack filler. Motion made by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Clerk Mennell to contact Murray’s Asphalt about the acceptance of just the \$1,200 rubber crack filler. Motion carried by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Trustee committees – Trustee Partridge presented his desire to see committees formed in the next year to get greater involvement of the Trustees in the business of the Township. Presenting idea now for inclusion of a monetary amount in the 2025 budget. To be discussed further when new board assembled.
3. Clerk Mennell presented the 2025 Salary resolutions for the elected board member of the Township. The resolution has a 3% increase in compensation which follows the previous practice of using the COLA. The compensation for the cemetery and FOIA duties did not increase. Trustee Savage motioned we accept Resolution #2024-04 Compensation Resolution as presented with Trustee Wetzel seconding, Motion carried by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Warrants presented for payment- Motion by Trustee Wetzel and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the warrants totaling \$13,347.08. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote – 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Dept. Reports:

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

** Clerk's Report: 500 absentee ballots have been distributed, lots of inquiries about early voting, public accuracy test set for Oct. 15th.

**Supervisor Report: meeting Chairperson Partridge interested in signing up for the free classes being offered by MTA, Clerk Mennell will forward link for all board members to connect for the classes via their MTA accounts.

Public Comments –

None.

Board member comments

Mennell – election inspector with 40 years of service for township retiring after this election, please sign thank you card.

Partridge, has started reading different manuals pertaining to his new duties come Nov. 20th and recommends books be ordered for the Trustees so they can know what their positions duties are.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita S. Mennell – Clerk

Approved _____ Clerk

Date _____