

**Hastings Charter Township
Barry County
Rutland Charter Township
Carlton Township
City of Hastings
Joint Planning Alliance
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2019**

Members Present: Brown, Graham, Medendorp, Haywood, Redman, Carpenter, Miner, Mansfield, and Watson.

Members Absent: Smith, Bleam, McManus, (one Hastings Township position vacant).

Ex-Officio Members Present: King, Alden.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Jackson.

Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Watson led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Watson asked for comments regarding the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, the draft minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, the draft agenda for the December 8, 2018 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the December 3, 2018, and January 7, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission. No comment was forwarded.

Motion by Redman, second by Miner to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, and to received and place on file the draft minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, the draft agenda for the December 8, 2018 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the December 3, 2018, and January 7, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for any suggested additions to the agenda for tonight's meeting. No comments were forwarded. Motion by Redman, second by Graham to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as submitted.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for comments from the public. No comments were forwarded.

Watson introduced discussion regarding the schedule of JPA meetings for 2019. Motion by Graham, second by Redman that the regular meetings dates for the JPA for 2019 be the third Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November of 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rutland Charter Township Hall.

Motion carried.

Watson introduced discussion regarding election of officers for 2019. Motion by Brown, second by Haywood that the current slate of officers be re-elected to serve in their respective positions for 2019 (Watson, Chair; Carpenter, Vice-Chair; Mansfield, Secretary).

Motion carried.

Watson asked for reports regarding activities in the units of government participating in the JPA.

Carpenter stated that Carlton Township had recently “opted out” on legislation to allow medical marijuana related uses in residential settings. Carpenter stated that the Township’s 30 year franchise agreement with Consumers Energy was expiring, and that the Township was seeking to require Consumers to obtain permission from property owners for new utility easements, including those located within the easements for roadways.

Haywood stated that Rutland Township was considering rezoning the property on which the YMCA Camp Algonquin was located. Haywood stated that the Township was also considering amendments to the zoning regulations applying to electronic billboards and fences.

Watson stated that Rutland Township was also considering regulations applying to medical and recreational marijuana. Watson stated that the Township officials had varying opinions related to this matter.

King stated that the City’s Planning Commission had recently approved a site plan for a small addition to the Preferred Credit Union facility, and a site plan for an addition to the Barry County Transit Facility. King stated that the Planning Commission had issued a special use permit for an addition to the Advantage Drain facility on East State Street, and had set public hearings related to requests for special use permits for a new Community Action Agency facility and a new surgery center at Spectrum – Pennock Hospital. King stated that the Planning Commission was also working on a text amendment to allow additional housing uses in the City’s B-1 (Downtown) District, and continued discussions related to Phase Two of the Master Plan update. Redman stated

that Habitat for Humanity was seeking rezoning of a parcel of land on North Broadway to permit retail sales in that location.

Brown stated that Hastings Township had won an award for its recycling unit, and was pursuing the installation of a paper gator.

Mansfield stated that Spectrum – Pennock had requested permission to purchase a triangular parcel of land from the City to resolve an encroachment of their parking lot, and had requested to lease parking spaces in the Fish Hatchery Park parking lot for use during weekdays to replace parking that will be displaced under the new surgery center project.

Watson asked for comment related to the latest activities of the JPC. Graham stated that at the December 19th meeting of the JPC, the JPC set meeting dates for 2019, elected officers to serve during 2019, and discussed the City's Master Plan update and the City's Parks and Rec Plan update.

Watson asked Mansfield to report on the status of sidewalk work along M-37/M-43. Mansfield stated that it was his understanding that the City's engineer was working with MDOT and the Drain Commissioner to attempt to get relief from the requirement to construct a headwall on the culvert extension. Watson noted that he had also spoken to the Drain Commissioner regarding this matter.

Watson introduced discussion regarding continued sanitary sewer service to properties in Rutland Township currently receiving such service under the 1992 Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement. Watson noted that the City was in the process of reviewing water and sewer rates and their rate structure, and that this rate structure may impact the fees reflected in a new agreement. Mansfield stated that the rate analysis was currently underway.

Watson introduced discussion regarding community development activities. Alden distributed a report dated 1/21/19 describing various EDA projects and activities. Alden explained the status of county-wide housing development discussions, the regional CEDS program, and Broadband enhancement related activities.

Watson asked for suggestions related to potential opportunities for additional collaboration. Medendorp suggested that the governmental units consider providing opportunities for individuals to donate funds or services to regional programs such as parks or other recreation facilities.

Watson asked for comments related to the list of work tasks to be accomplished by the JPC in 2018. No comments were forwarded.

Watson asked for comments from the public. Alden reported that a number of individuals in the room had recently met with Tim Mroz of The Right Place to learn about Opportunity Funds and

Opportunity Zones. Alden briefly described these zones and funds, and explained the location of the Opportunity Zone in Barry County. Alden described the possible impact of this zone, and the next steps in the process.

Watson asked for additional comment from the public. No comment was forwarded.

Watson asked for comments from the members of the JPA.

Brown stated that he and Chief Caris had recently met with architect reviewing the possibility of rehabilitating the existing Fire Station. Brown stated that those present were invited to attend the meeting of the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee on February 28th and discuss ideas for collaboration on recycling activities. Brown stated that the access ramp on Church Street near the Court House was frequently obstructed by parked vehicles.

Miner questioned if the Barry County Road Commission had recently acquired property. Watson stated that the Road Commission had recently purchased the property that housed the sand / gravel mining operation used by Hamilton Excavating.

Watson asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA. No additional comments from members of the JPA were forwarded.

Motion by Redman, second by Medendorp to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jeff Mansfield
Secretary

**Hastings Charter Township
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City of Hastings
Joint Planning Alliance
Draft Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2019**

Members Present: Blead, McManus, Medendorp, Carpenter, Miner, Mansfield, and Watson.

Members Absent: Smith, Brown, Graham, Redman, Haywood (one Hastings Township position vacant).

Ex-Officio Members Present: King, Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Alden.

Others present: Czarnecki.

Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Watson led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Watson asked for comments regarding the minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, the draft agenda for the March 6, 2019 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the February 4, 2019, and March 4, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission. No comment was forwarded.

Motion by Miner, second by Medendorp to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, and to received and place on file the draft agenda for the March 6, 2019 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the February 4, 2019, and March 4, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for any suggested additions to the agenda for tonight's meeting. No comments were forwarded. Motion by Miner, second by Watson to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as submitted.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for comments from the public. No comments were forwarded.

Watson asked for reports regarding activities in the units of government participating in the JPA.

Carpenter stated that there was nothing to report from Carlton Township.

Watson stated that Rutland Township had "opted-out" of permitting marijuana establishments and facilities at this time. Watson stated that Rutland Township may choose to opt back in to permitting such establishments and facilities in the future.

Haywood arrived at 5:34 p.m.

McManus stated that the County had recently issued permits for two communication towers and a marina expansion in Orangeville Township. McManus stated that he had recently been contacted by a telecommunication company wishing to apply for a grant for \$5 million to bring wiring to rural jurisdictions.

King stated that the City continued to work on its Master Plan Update. King stated that the Planning Commission would be hosting a panel discussion on housing issues on April 9th. King stated that the Planning Commission had recently approved site plans for Pennock Hospital and Community Action Agency, and had recommended rezoning of property for a facility for Habitat for Humanity on North Broadway.

Watson asked for comment related to the latest activities of the JPC. Mansfield stated that the JPC had recently hosted a joint meeting of the elected officials and planning commission members from Rutland Charter Township and the City of Hastings. Mansfield stated that the JPC had not otherwise met in February, but would be meeting on March 20th at the Rutland Township Hall.

Watson introduced discussion regarding the status of trail extension west of the City limits and the sidewalk work along M-37/M-43. Czarnecki reported that he had spoken with the owner of the property surrounding the Biggby Coffee / FHI facilities, and that the property owner was unhappy with the current appraised value of the property. Czarnecki reported that the owner would seek a new appraisal in the coming months, and would then work with the City to pursue grant funding for acquisition next year. Watson encouraged the parties to accelerate this process to the fullest extent possible. Czarnecki stated that he had spoken to the MDEQ and MDOT regarding the sidewalk crossing of the creek between the hotel and the dollar store, and that these agencies were now recommending that the sidewalk be located in closer proximity to the highway to avoid the need for any bridge or culvert extension. Czarnecki stated that he would work with the consulting firm of ENG to re-design the sidewalk as recommended, and move the project ahead.

Watson introduced discussion regarding continued sanitary sewer service to properties in Rutland Township currently receiving such service under the 1992 Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement. Watson stated that the City and Township were nearing resolution of this matter, and that he was currently awaiting comment from Township Attorney Rolfe.

Watson noted that Alden was not present to discuss community development activities. Watson noted that agenda items 8f and 8g had been discussed earlier in the meeting. McManus stated that there was no report from the M-37 Committee.

Watson asked for suggestions related to potential opportunities for additional collaboration. Medendorp suggested that the governmental units consider providing opportunities for individuals to donate funds or services to regional programs such as parks or other recreation facilities.

Watson introduced discussion regarding additional opportunities for collaboration. McManus stated that Barry County would be preparing a full update of their Master Plan in 2020, and asked that those present consider content that they would like to see added to the Master Plan during this process.

Watson asked for comments related to the list of work tasks to be accomplished by the JPC in 2018. No comments were forwarded.

Watson asked for comments from the public. Jackson stated that Barry County was considering an open space protection ordinance that would apply to properties that were not suitable for agricultural purposes (i.e. non-tillable). Jackson stated that he was encouraging the County to consider input from local units of government who wished to protect the opportunity for property in or near their jurisdictions to be developed in the future. Mansfield agreed that legally prohibiting the opportunity to develop property in or near urban settings could be a very bad decision in the long run. Haywood stated that placing long term restrictions on the use of property was not a wise course of action.

Watson asked for additional comment from the public. No comment was forwarded.

Watson asked for comments from the members of the JPA.

Watson and Haywood stated that the Rutland Township Planning Commission had recommended rezoning of the property on which the YMCA Camp Algonquin was located, as well as permitting a boat house near the water specifically for and limited to that property.

McManus reported that Rose Anger had recently left employment with Barry County to accept a position with the State of Michigan. McManus stated that Anger would be greatly missed.

Watson asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA. No additional comments from members of the JPA were forwarded.

Motion by Mansfield, second by McManus to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jeff Mansfield
Secretary

**Hastings Charter Township
Barry County
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Carlton Township
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Joint Planning Alliance
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2019**

Members Present: Brown, Graham, Redman, McManus, Medendorp, Carpenter, Miner, Mansfield, and Watson.

Members Absent: Blead, Smith, Haywood (one Hastings Township position vacant).

Ex-Officio Members Present: King

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Alden, Jackson.

Others present: Czarnecki.

Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Watson led the JPA members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Watson asked for a motion to appoint Jerry Czarnecki as Administrative Secretary for the JPA.

Motion by Watson, second by McManus to appoint Czarnecki as Administrative Secretary.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for comments regarding the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, the draft minutes for the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission. No comment was forwarded.

Motion by Redman, second by Medendorp to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, and to received and place on file the draft minutes for the April 3, 2019 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for any suggested additions to the agenda for tonight's meeting. No comments were forwarded. Motion by Redman, second by Brown to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as submitted.

Motion carried.

Watson asked for comments from the public. No comments were forwarded.

Watson noted that there were no public hearings.

Watson asked for reports regarding activities in the units of government participating in the JPA.

Carpenter stated that there two new houses on Middle Lake, will be new connections to the system.

King stated that improvements were moving forward on the Fish Hatchery Parking Lot and Spectrum Pennock had received an easement agreement to allow the construction of the new surgical center.

Graham stated that Rutland Township will potentially be opting in on marijuana in the future. The Zoning administrator is being proactive. McManus added that he is getting calls weekly about which communities have opted in. Currently Baltimore Township is the only one in Barry County.

Brown stated that Hastings Township has opted out on marijuana but is watching. Star School pizza box recycling is up to 1800ft.

McManus stated that Allen Edwin has bought property in Hastings Township and will begin a project.

Watson asked for comment related to the latest activities of the JPC. Graham stated that the JPC will be looking to hold a public hearing in the near future regarding an electronic billboard ordinance.

Watson introduced discussion regarding the status of trail extension west of the City limits and the sidewalk work along M-37/M-43. Czarnecki stated that still in a holding pattern to figure out crossing of creek.

Watson introduced discussion regarding continued sanitary sewer service to properties in Rutland Township currently receiving such service under the 1992 Sanitary Sewer Service

Agreement. In works, Scott Steiner from Rhoades-McKee is review to get up to speed on the agreement. Planning on using similar agreement as with Rutland and Hastings Township.

Watson noted that Alden was not present to discuss community development activities.

Watson introduced discussion of the City of Hastings Master Plan Update. King reported that Part II of the Plan is in motion. Expecting completion of the Plan in October or November.

Watson asked to receive report on M-37 Corridor Committee's activity. MacManus stated that there is a possible project in Middleville and may require a meeting of the M-37 Corridor Committee.

Watson asked for suggestions related to potential opportunities for additional collaboration. King noted that this is a component of the City of Hastings Master Plan. McManus noted that City Master Plan should be a formal presentation to County Planning Commission. Mansfield stated that Kalamazoo Builder's Association did not want to have presentation with City and Chamber reps.

Watson asked for comments related to the list of work tasks to be accomplished by the JPA in 2019. No comments were forwarded.

Watson asked for comments from the public. Watson shared that Rutland Township had a Dangerous Building Hearing, been an issue since 2005.

Watson asked for comments from the members of the JPA.

Redman noted that the Hastings Area Recreation Committee is almost completed with 501 3C and has \$1 million pledged. Planned project is \$2.3 million. This group can be used for other projects.

Watson asked if compost is open? Mansfield responded that it is manned by DPS workers on Wednesday and Saturdays until the gates are repaired.

Brown thanked Mansfield for his work with the JPA and appreciated his role as Administrative Secretary.

Medendorp stated that he has great trust for Mansfield.

Watson asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA. No additional comments from members of the JPA were forwarded.

Motion by Redman, second by Brown to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jerry Czarnecki
Administrative Secretary

**Hastings Charter Township
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Joint Planning Alliance
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019**

Members Present: Brown, Graham, McManus, Medendorp, Carpenter, Miner, Haywood, and Watson.

Members Absent: Blead, Smith, Redman (one Hastings Township position vacant).

Ex-Officio Members Present: King, Jackson

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Motion by McManus, second by Brown to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting of the Joint Planning Alliance, the draft minutes for the May 1, 2019 and June 5, 2019 meetings of the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the June 3, 2019 and July 1, 2019 meetings of the City of Hastings Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

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Motion carried.

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Haywood – Rutland looking at marijuana ordinance and new building at cemetery.

King – Special Use Permit request for dwelling units at 118 E. Court; Barry Community Foundation/Barry Chamber of Commerce/Hastings Community Development Department were asked to Lansing in regards to grant for modular spec. homes; BCF has purchase agreement for Baum and Royal Coach properties on Mill St., moving toward development; possibly next week will receive renderings for potential project on old Moose site (128 N. Michigan).

Brown – Hastings Township looking into grant from Consumers for Charge-Point Station; fire barn discussion moving forward; conversation with recycling facility in Sunfield for possible uses.

McManus – 69 new addresses in county (not including City of Hastings) which is less than last couple of years; Sable Homes bought Creekwood Estates; receiving many calls about marijuana; also receiving many calls for commercial solar locations.

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King – joint workshop with Hastings City Council and Hastings City Planning Commission to discuss DAS/Small Cell ordinances and fees.

Watson asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA. No additional comments from members of the JPA were forwarded.

Motion by Brown, second by Mcmanus to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

Motion carried.

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