

Charter Township of Haring

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Scarbrough, P. Dewey, McCain, Sauder, T. Dewey, Whetstone, Baldwin

Absent: none

Public Comment: DATA Centers were of concern. Jeff Ehrhart was strictly against DATA Centers, Amanda Siggins as well. Terry Trowbridge from Wexford County Transit Authority spoke about the millage renewal and ridership numbers. Luke Eising spoke on DATA Centers opposition, and he's running for State Representative. Randy Ball commented on the Ball Drain and the issues and possible cost of cleaning it out. Braedan Johnigan along with Celest Beasley, Don Koshmider, Cortney Goode, Estelle Laraabee, and Joan Greene were all in opposition to DATA Centers coming into the township. Jaxon Deur, candidate for State Representative introduced himself and stayed to answer any questions anyone might have.

Approval/amendment of the agenda: Clerk Dewey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Baldwin. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer: Supplied report

Clerk: Stated over 400 absentee ballots have been mailed out and about 140 have been received back.

Liquor Inspector: Supplied report, all are complying.

Zoning: Supplied report.

Fire Chief: Supplied report and presented an agreement for "Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association" proposal.

Whetstone made a motion to accept the agreement, 2nd by Sauder, upon roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Baughan encouraged, as a council member, to Randy Ball to attend the upcoming council meeting about the Ball Drain.

New Business:

#1 DATA Center Moratorium: Scarbrough spoke on the negative impact DATA Centers have, and that the Governor is pushing these on Michigan. Zoning Administrator Green read from an article from Mika Meyer Law on DATA Centers. The Planning Commission voted in a previous commission meeting to approve the moratorium. Sauder made a motion to approve the 6-

month Moratorium to stop DATA Centers from being able to apply, and to allow the planning commission time to update their ordinance for compliance. 2nd by Whetstone, all in favor, motion carried.

#2 Rezoning Office to Residential Introduction Ordinance #139 of 2026:

Green stated that the former Mi 26 TV station located at 320 W. 13th Street, now owned by Cadillac Castings, has requested the rezone. The board is to look over the ordinance before the next board meeting where it will be voted on.

#3 BS&A Cloud Server: McCain spoke on having to eventually upgrade our BS&A server and if we do it now instead of waiting, we will save \$5,000. Off the top and if by waiting it could cost even more. Most Government offices use BS&A Server for their accounting. Currently we spend \$12,000. It will be about 7 months before it goes live. Whetstone commented "we have to do it". Whetstone made a motion to go ahead to approve the upgrade with BS&A, 2nd by Sauder. Upon roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

#4 IAI Existing Electrical Lift station panel replacement:

Lutke said that several electricians have recommended replacing it now rather than waiting, Infrastructure has the funds available. A motion was made by Scarbrough to approve the electrical panel at the cost of \$36,401.00 2nd by Sauder, upon roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

#5 MFR pay increase:

The Fire Board along with Chief Baughan are requesting a wage increase from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per call (for the first 2 hours) for Medical First Responders. Discussion followed as to why there was a pause put on for Medical First Responders to respond. Scarbrough stated that we do Not have an ordinance for doing MFR, which as a Charter Township we do have to have one in place as required by the state of Michigan.

Whetstone made a motion to increase the MFR wage to \$40.00 per call for the first 2 hours, 2nd by Sauder, upon roll call vote, Whetstone yes, Sauder yes, T. Dewey no, Baldwin yes, Scarbrough yes, McCain yes, P. Dewey yes, Motion carried.

#6 Introduction to Ordinance #140 of 2026 Fire & Rescue Service Charges.

The board was instructed to read over the ordinance. Sauder spoke on Billing for Calls for first response, and insurance to be billed. Scarbrough mentioned that calls that we are not qualified to assist with we will not respond to, such as a suicidal person as we do not have trained personnel for that, there is mutual aid.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes June 2026: Scarbrough made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by T. Dewey, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Check Register for June 2026: Baldwin made a motion to approve the check register, 2nd by Sauder, upon roll call vote all in favor, motion passed.

Communication/Education: Scarbrough set a special meeting for July 27, at 6:00 PM to vote on Ordinance #140 of 2026 MFR, and for the budget.

Public Comment: Don Koshmider DATA Centers, Neighbors complaint. Robert Hubble on MFR and MMR. Braedan Johnigan EMS & thanked the board for DATA Centers.

Board Comment: Scarbrough made comment on components made in China and outside sources other than the USA for DATA Centers.

Adjournment: Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 7:40PM, 2nd by Whetstone, all in favor, motion passed.

Paula Dewey, Clerk Date Scarbrough, Supervisor Date