



City of *Hastings* Michigan

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Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2025
Executive Summary

Item #	Summary
9A	<p>Description: Items for Action by Unanimous Consent</p> <p>Recommended Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.</p>
10A	<p>Description: Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Grant</p> <p>Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-24 designating the City Manager as the authorized official to submit the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) program grant application and to sign the application, grant agreement, and all necessary supporting attachments.</p>
10B	<p>Description: East Jordan Iron Works Water Service Boxes</p> <p>Recommended Action: Motion to approve the purchase of water service boxes and installation materials from East Jordan Iron Works (EJ) for the Lead Line Replacement Project not-to-exceed \$19,121.80.</p>
10C	<p>Description: Airport Funds Commitment for Taxiway Extension</p> <p>Recommended Action: Motion to approve the airport board's commitment of \$80,000 for the parallel taxiway expansion to 35 feet.</p>



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10D	Description: PUD Special Meeting Request Recommended Action: Motion to schedule a special meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Agenda
September 8, 2025

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll call
3. Pledge to the flag
- * 4. Approval of the agenda
- * 5. Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2025, regular meeting
- ✓ 6. Public Hearings: (None)
7. Public Comment:
8. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:
 - A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner.
- ✓ 9. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:
 - * A. Receive and place on file six (6) invoices totaling **\$105,105.78.**
- ✓ 10. Items of Business:
 - * A. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2025-24** designating the City Manager as the authorized official to submit the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) program grant application and to sign the application, grant agreement, and all necessary supporting attachments.
 - * B. Consider approval of the purchase of water service boxes and installation materials from East Jordan Iron Works (EJ) for the Lead Line Replacement Project not-to-exceed **\$19,121.80.**
 - * C. Consider approval of the airport board's commitment of **\$80,000** for the parallel taxiway expansion to 35 feet.
 - * D. Consider scheduling a special meeting on **Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**
11. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions (None)
12. City Manager Report:
 - * A. Fire Chief Jordan Monthly Report

- * B. Library Director Edelman Monthly Report
- * C. Water Services Superintendent Robins Monthly Report

✓ 13. Reports and Communications: (None)

14. Public Comment:

15. Mayor and Council comment:

16. Adjourn

* Items with enclosures.

✓ Motion under agenda heading requires roll call vote.

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment is welcomed and appreciated. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure all have an opportunity to be heard.

All comments and questions will be made through the chair. All comments will be made in a courteous and civil manner; profanity and personal attacks will not be tolerated. Please limit the length of your comments to 3 minutes. If you are a member of a group, please appoint a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group (those speaking on behalf of a group may be provided additional time). Please state your name before offering comment.

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes
August 25, 2025

1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll call

Councilmembers Present: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

City Staff and Appointees Present: Moyer-Cale, Boulter, Jordan, King, Neil and Perin
3. Motion by Brehm, with support from Rocha, to excuse Councilmember Barlow from the August 25, 2025, regular meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Pledge to the flag
5. Approval of the agenda

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the agenda as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from McLean, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava
Nays: None
Absent: Barlow
Motion carried.
7. Public Hearings:
 - A. Homeowners Rehabilitation CDBG Grant Application.

Opening remarks by Dan King, explaining the grant application process, and the federal requirement to have public hearings.

Council questions answered by Dan King.

7:09 PM – Public Hearing opened. No public provided comment. Public hearing closed at 7:09 PM.

8. Public Comment:

Comments from Linda Curtis, Goldstar Mother and city resident, asking for enhanced city ordinances about loud noises and excessive partying.

Comments from Andria Keil, city resident, addressing her issues with code compliance.

9. Formal Recognitions and Presentations:

A. Presentation from Dave Hatfield, Barry County Commissioner. (Absent)

10. Items for Action by Unanimous Consent:

A. Consider approval of the Mid-Michigan Lady Boltz to use the Fish Hatchery Softball field on Thursdays from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, August 28, 2025 through October 30, 2025**, and for a Hit-A-Thon event on **Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to approve the Mid-Michigan Lady Boltz to use the Fish Hatchery Softball field on Thursdays from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, August 28, 2025 through October 30, 2025**, and for a Hit-A-Thon event on **Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.**

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

11. Items of Business:

A. Consider adoption of **Resolution 2025-23** to authorize the purchase and sale agreement with AIO Operating for an Easement at the North Water Tower, 107-A West Blair in Hastings.

Motion by McLean, with support from Rocha, to adopt **Resolution 2025-23** to authorize the purchase and sale agreement with AIO Operating for an Easement at the North Water Tower, 107-A West Blair in Hastings.

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

B. Consider approval of the proposal by All Call Restoration to renovate the fire

department bathrooms for \$24,432.57, with a \$5,000 contingency, for a total approved amount of **\$29,432.57.**

Motion by Rocha, with support from Devroy, to approve the proposal by All Call Restoration to renovate the fire department bathrooms for \$24,432.57, with a \$5,000 contingency, for a total approved amount of **\$29,432.57.**

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- C. Consider approval of the purchase of a 2026 HV507 single axle cab and chassis from West Michigan International for **\$114,357.74**, and the upfitting from Truck and Trailer Specialties for **\$107,235.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Brehm, to approve the purchase of a 2026 HV507 single axle cab and chassis from West Michigan International for **\$114,357.74**, and the upfitting from Truck and Trailer Specialties for **\$107,235.**

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- D. Consider approval of a purchase order for chip sealing contract and proposal from Ace Asphalt & Paving in the amount of **\$132,734.25.**

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Brehm, to approve the purchase order for chip sealing contract and proposal from Ace Asphalt & Paving in the amount of **\$132,734.25.**

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- E. Consider approval for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 lead line replacement by Advantage Plumbing & Drain in the amount of **\$157,290.**

Motion by McLean, with support from Stenzelbarton, to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 lead line replacement by Advantage Plumbing & Drain in the amount of **\$157,290.**

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

- F. Consider authorization of the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Ambulance Service contingent on final review and approval by the City Attorney.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Stenzelbarton, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Ambulance Service contingent on final review and approval by the City Attorney.

Presentation from Mark Meijer, Life EMS Ambulance President, sharing background on Mercy Ambulance, and how Life EMS Ambulance became involved in the discussions to take over ambulance service contract for the designated municipal area, beginning September 2025 through December 2026.

Discussion was held, with Mr. Meijer answering council questions.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow

Motion carried.

12. Staff Presentations and Policy Discussions:

- A. Consider proceeding with developing an Assistant City Manager position and eliminating the office of the Director of Public Services.

Motion by Brehm, with support from Stenzelbarton, to proceed with developing an Assistant City Manager position and eliminating the office of the Director of Public Services.

Discussion was held, with background details provided by City Manager.

Ayes: Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, McLean, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava

Nays: None

Absent: Barlow.

Motion carried.

13. City Manager Report:

- A. Police Chief Boulter Monthly Report
- B. City Clerk/Treasurer Perin Monthly Financial Reports
- C. Community Development Director King Monthly Report
- D. Department of Public Services Street Superintendent Neil Report

14. Reports and Communications:

- A. Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Minutes – August 13, 2025
- B. Downtown Development Authority DRAFT Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2025

Motion by Stenzelbarton, with support from Brehm, to place on file items A and B.
All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Public Comment:

Additional comments from Andria Keil on Code Compliance situations.

Comments from Mark Jordan, Fire Chief, clarifying the Life EMS Ambulance presence in the city the week of August 25-28.

16. Mayor and Council comment:

Comments from Brehm about an incident at a Meijer store in Ohio that is on social media.

17. Adjourn:

Motion by McLean, with support from Devroy, to adjourn.
All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Read and Approved:

David J. Tossava, Mayor

Linda Perin, City Clerk

Summary - City of Hastings Invoices
City Council Meeting
September 8, 2025

No.	Vendor	Amount	Description (with date paid)
1	KaterBerg Verhage, Inc.	\$5,221.05	Cemetery Memorial (July 31, 2025)
2	Rehmann	\$11,000.00	Finance Department Support (August 12, 2025)
3	Power Plus Carts	\$12,883.75	Golf Cart & Enclosure for Wastewater (July 2, 2025)
4	Aunalytics	\$15,880.98	IT Contracted Services (August 18, 2025)
5	Advantage Plumbing	\$26,562.00	June 2025 Lead Line Replacement (June 30, 2025)
6	Dominion Voting Systems	\$33,558.00	Six Voting Tabulators Order (August 18, 2025)
6	Invoices	\$105,105.78	



Regular Council Agenda Item Memorandum

To: Mayor Tossava and City Council

From: Dan King

Subject: Authorizing Resolution for Homeowner Rehabilitation Program Grant through the Michigan State Development Authority, CDBG Housing CHILL Program

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-24** designating the City Manager as the authorized official to submit the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) program grant application and to sign the application, grant agreement, and all necessary supporting attachments.

Background Information:

The Community Development Department is in the process of drafting the required intake materials to submit with the MSHDA CDBG CHILL program grant application. City Council conducted a public hearing at the August 25, 2025, meeting, allowing citizens to examine and submit comments on the proposed application. Both conducting a public hearing and adopting an authorizing resolution are required actions that must be taken before submitting a grant application.

The city proposes to use \$354,000 in CDBG funds to provide income-eligible homeowners with funds to make necessary repairs to their home to rehabilitate interior and exterior for code-related requirements, permanently affixed energy-related repairs, and improvements necessary for persons with accessibility needs, and remediation of lead-based paint hazards or asbestos abatement, and to provide required administration of the grant program. Not less than \$300,000 will be used to benefit owner-occupied residential structures occupied by low- or-moderate income households.

Financial Implications:

None

Attachments:

- Resolution 2025-24

City Of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION 2025-24

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF HASTINGS FOR A HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CDBG HOUSING IMPROVING LOCAL LIVABILITY (CHILL) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Hastings is seeking grant funding for a Homeowner Rehabilitation Program through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Neighborhood Housing Initiatives Division, CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings proposes to use \$354,000 in CDBG funds to provide income-eligible homeowners with funds to make necessary repairs to their home to rehabilitate interior and exterior for code-related requirements, permanently affixed energy-related repairs, and improvements necessary for persons with accessibility needs, and remediation of lead-based paint hazards or asbestos abatement, and to provide required administration of the grant program. Not less than \$300,000 will be used to benefit persons within the City of Hastings, pursuant to MSHDA CHILL guidelines. 100% of the residential structures will be occupied by low- or moderate-income households. No persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the City of Hastings Master Plan and the proposed initiatives in bringing properties into compliance with building and property maintenance codes; and

WHEREAS, no project costs (CDBG and non-CDBG) will be incurred prior to formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures, and formal written authorization to incur costs has been provided by the CDBG/MSHDA Project Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hastings City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit the MSHDA CDBG CHILL application and to sign the application, grant agreement, and all necessary supporting attachments. The City Manager is designated as the Certifying Officer for the NEPA Environmental Review and is authorized to execute Payment Requests.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution being offered by , with support by :

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

MOTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly held and attended regular meeting the 8th day of September 2025, by the City Council of the City of Hastings, by a vote of members voting in favor members voting against and zero members absent.

Linda Perin, City Clerk



Regular Council Agenda Item Memorandum

To: Mayor Tossava & City Council

From: Robert Neil, Street Superintendent

Subject: Purchase East Jordan Iron Works Water Service Boxes

Meeting Date: September 08, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the purchase of water service boxes and installation materials from East Jordan Iron Works (EJ) for the Lead Line Replacement Project not-to-exceed **\$19,121.80**.

Background Information:

This fiscal year the Public Works department set a department goal of completing 100 lead service line replacements. For each replacement, the department will install new, state-compliant water service boxes. Service boxes are used for accessing the valve for shutting off water service to the residence for repair, non-payment and/or residence leaving or returning for extended periods of time.

Financial Implications:

Council budgeted \$200,000 lead line repair and maintenance supplies.

Attachments:

- East Jordan Iron Works proposal



800 268 4653
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Quotation
00802592

Account Name City of Hastings
Ship to 301 East Court Street, Hastings, 49058
Requested By
Business Phone 269-945-5083
Email

Quote Name City of Hastings 95E-Quote
Created Date 08/21/2025
Expiration Date 09/20/2025
Prepared By Adam Gorney
Email adam.gorney@ejco.com
Phone

Quantity	Product No.	Description	Notes	Line Charge	Sales Price (USD)	Total Price (USD)
100	98752	6500 95E 2-1/2" Service Box Set, Screw Type, 41"-64" Depth of Bury, 30T Top and 39B Bottom with Lid, Black Asphaltic Coated			181.16	18,116.00
5	98759	6500 30T Service Box Top with Lid, 30" Section, Black Asphaltic Coated			110.44	552.20
10	98790	6500 Service Box Lid for Bolting to 2-1/2" Service Boxes, Water, Black Asphaltic Coated			6.30	63.00
10	98792	6500 Brass Penta Head Bolt for 2-1/2" Service Box Cover			6.30	63.00
4	98782	6500 152 16" Height Increase Screw Type 2-1/2" Service Box Extension, Black Asphaltic Coated			32.55	130.20
2	98783	6500 153 28" Height Increase Screw Type 2-1/2" Service Box Extension, Black Asphaltic Coated			46.20	92.40
2	98785	6500 154 30" Height Increase Screw Type 2-1/2" Service Box Extension, Black Asphaltic Coated			52.50	105.00

Notes

Subtotal 19,121.80
Grand Total 19,121.80

EJ USA, Inc. Terms and Conditions apply, which are located at <https://ejco.com/ustc>. Material takeoff quantities not guaranteed. Price subject to change.



Regular Council Agenda Item Memorandum

To: Hastings City Council

From: Sarah Moyer-Cale, City Manager

Subject: Approval of Airport Funds Commitment in the amount of \$80,000 for Taxiway Extension

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the airport board's commitment of **\$80,000** for the parallel taxiway expansion to 35 feet.

Background Information:

In calendar year 2027, it is identified in the airport's five-year plan to extend the parallel taxiway at the end of the runway. This will enhance safety and expand the available land at the airport for aviation purposes. MDOT is paying for this project, but it is approved for a width of 25 feet. The airport commission would like to extend the width to 35 feet so that we can attract businesses with larger airplanes. The airport would have to cover the additional pavement beyond the approved 25 feet, which is estimated to be \$80,000.

By approving this funding commitment now, we can do the entire project at one time and rely on the same engineering and environmental review being paid for by MDOT. If we move forward with the project as planned at 25 feet and later choose to increase the width, we have to pay for the new engineering and environmental review in addition to the pavement cost.

Financial Implications:

This will be paid for with airport funds.

Attachments:

None.



Regular Council Agenda Item Memorandum

To: Hastings City Council

From: Sarah Moyer-Cale, City Manager

Subject: Request for Special Meeting on September 29, 2025

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to schedule a special meeting on **Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Background Information:

Copper Rock Construction is amending their PUD approval and site plan due to the proposed addition of a daycare facility use, reorienting their commercial building, and moving one of the apartment buildings a few feet to accommodate utility line safety. The Planning Commission is meeting on the 26th for the public hearing and recommendation. The applicant is anxious to get the commercial building under construction while weather cooperates and would like to move forward as soon as possible. They are requesting a special meeting of the city council to review and vote on the PUD amendment. This would take place on the fifth Monday in September.

Financial Implications:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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Fire Department Council Report August 2025

The department responded to 120 calls for service: 54 in the city, 62 in the townships, and four mutual aids. Our members spent a total of 327 hours responding to calls for service. Total calls for service YTD 789. We have issued 552 burn permits in the townships YTD.

Public safety

We have installed 153 smoke/carbon dioxide detectors in 55 homes year to date. The department has overall increased our presence at public buildings through inspections and attending open houses.

Training

Our members trained a total of 47 hours in August. We continue to provide medical fire-related continuing education credits to our staff to meet the state education requirements. We have spent considerable time training on the new ambulance to ensure all members are comfortable with the truck's operation.

Department activities

Calls for service remain high. We saw a slight drop in calls for August compared to the previous month; however, August's call volume increased by 81% compared to August 2024. Medical calls remain our top call for service, followed closely by accidents and fire alarms. We experienced a sudden increase in fire alarms in August. We continue to work closely with the property owners to resolve alarm issues.

We are currently preparing to complete our last few annual tests in September, hose and ladder testing. These are extensive and time-consuming tests, taking multiple days to complete.

Chief's Comments

Our goal was to have our ambulance in service by December 2025. With considerable effort from the staff, we placed the ambulance in service on July 17th and transported our first patient on July 18th. The ambulance is operating as planned, keeping with an ALS truck from another district available for priority calls and adding an extra BLS truck in the county. To date, we have transported 8 patients, one of whom was a mutual aid call to Delton. We are working with LIFE Ems to work through operating together with them as we transition to their service for ALS coverage.

Respectfully, Mark Jordan, Fire Chief

Chief Mark Jordan



City of Hastings Fire Department

Incident Analysis

8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025

INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN AND COMPARISON

Code	Incident Type Series	8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025		8/1/2024 - 8/31/2024
		Occurrences	Percentage	Occurrences
100-199	Fire/Explosion	7	5.8%	2
200-299	Overpressure Rupture	0	0.0%	0
300-399	Rescue Call	62	51.7%	36
400-499	Hazardous Condition	15	12.5%	3
500-599	Service Call	0	0.0%	0
600-699	Good Intent Call	24	20.0%	19
700-799	False Call	12	10.0%	6
800-899	Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	0	0.0%	0
900-999	Special Type/Complaint	0	0.0%	0
	Undetermined Incident Series	0	0.0%	0
	Total	120	100.0%	66

MUTUAL AID DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

District	Fire	EMS	Other	Total	Percentage
Mutual Aid	1	2	1	4	3.3%
Total	1	2	1	4	3.3%

FIRE DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

District	Occurrences	Percentage
Baltimore Twp	6	5.0%
Carlton Twp	5	4.2%
Hastings Twp	15	12.5%
Irving Twp	4	3.3%
Rutland Twp	31	25.8%
Ward 1	6	5.0%
Ward 2	13	10.8%
Ward 3	13	10.8%
Ward 4	22	18.3%
Total	115	95.8%



City of Hastings Fire Department

NFIRS Reports Analysis

8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025

INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

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500-599	Service Call	0	0.0%
600-699	Good Intent Call	24	20.0%
700-799	False Call	12	10.0%
800-899	Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	0	0.0%
900-999	Special Type/Complaint	0	0.0%
Total		120	100.0%

FIRE DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

District	Fire	EMS	Other	Total	Percentage
BALTIMORE TWP	2	4	0	6	5%
CARLTON TWP	0	3	2	5	4.2%
HASTINGS TWP	3	7	5	15	12.5%
IRVING TWP	3	1	0	4	3.3%
RUTLAND TWP	5	16	11	32	26.7%
WARD 1	0	4	2	6	5%
WARD 2	2	7	4	13	10.8%
WARD 3	4	4	5	13	10.8%
WARD 4	2	14	6	22	18.3%
Total	21	60	35	116	96.7%

MUTUAL AID DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

District	Fire	EMS	Other	Total	Percentage
MUTUAL AID	1	2	1	4	3.3%
Total	1	2	1	4	3.3%



City of Hastings Fire Department NFIRS Reports Analysis

8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025

INCIDENT TYPE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

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FIRE DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

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BALTIMORE TWP	2	4	0	6	5%
CARLTON TWP	0	3	2	5	4.2%
HASTINGS TWP	3	7	5	15	12.5%
IRVING TWP	3	1	0	4	3.3%
RUTLAND TWP	5	16	11	32	26.7%
WARD 1	0	4	2	6	5%
WARD 2	2	7	4	13	10.8%
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MUTUAL AID DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

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MUTUAL AID	1	2	1	4	3.3%
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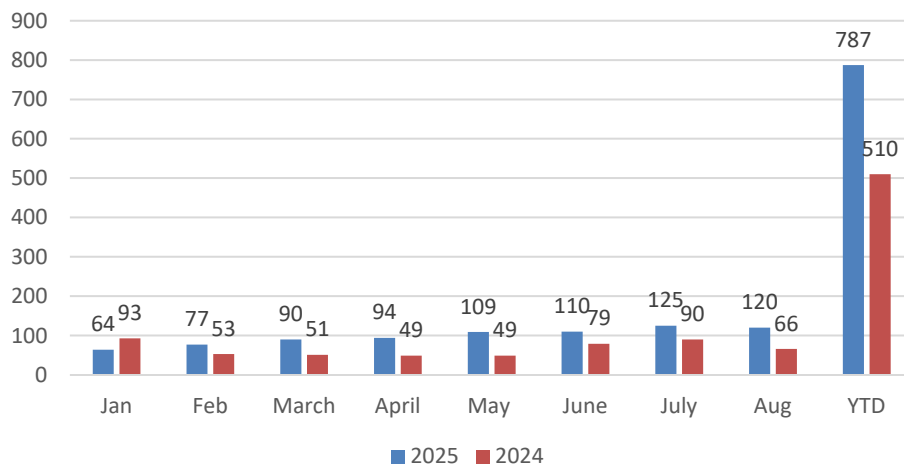


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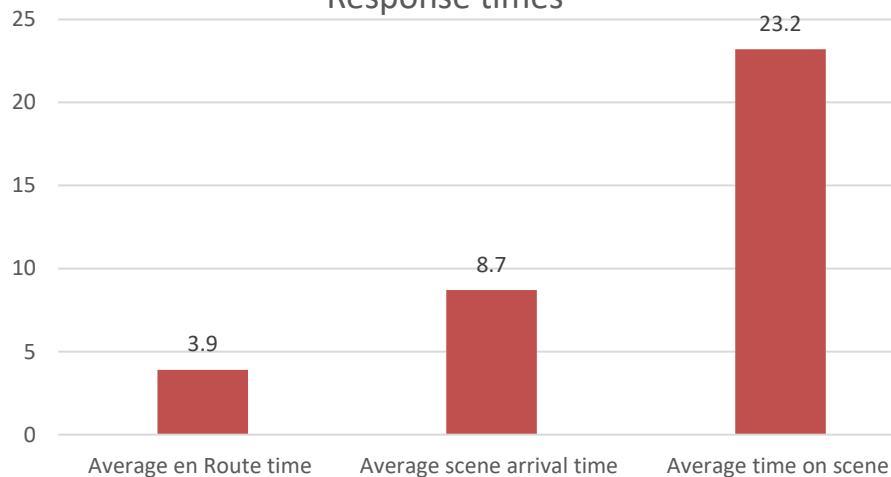
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Hastings Fire Department



Hastings Fire Department Response times





Library Director's Report - August, 2025 September 8, 2025 Board Meeting

Highlights

Summer Reading wrapped up with a bang when one of HPL's kids won a Summer Reading Challenge prize from Miranda. Congratulations to 10-year-old Evie Mansager (photo at right) on being one of only 9 out of over 60,00 kids in the greater Grand Rapids area to win. Youth librarian Erin Quada picked up the prize from Miranda in Grand Rapids (photo at right). See below for more information from Erin on another successful Summer Reading program.



With the "free" support deadline for Microsoft Windows 10 fast approaching, our IT contractor, Clark Technical Services, is working hard to upgrade all of our PCs to Windows 11. Almost all staff machines are done and they've started on the patron computers. This will keep us up to date and better protected. We also installed a new mini-PC as our 1st floor print release computer. The old machine could not be upgraded, so we've installed a fully functional modern PC the size of a page-a-day desk calendar. It's amazing how powerful such a small machine can be. And it was a fraction of the cost of a new desktop.

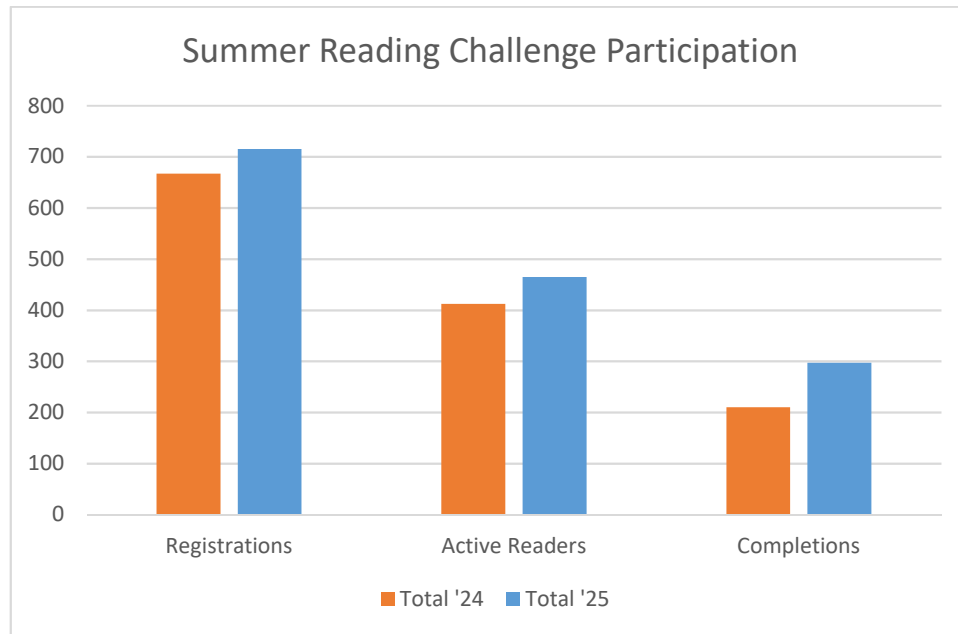
Summer Reading Recap from Erin and Barbara

We had a successful Summer Reading Program this year with more participation in the reading challenge across readers of all ages. We had more people register, actively log reading, and complete the reading challenge in 2025 compared to 2024. One of the most exciting things to see was the number of Teen Reading Challenge completions jump from 28 in 2024 to 50 in 2025! Here is a look at the numbers across all ages for 2025.

Summer Reading Statistics 2025

2025	Total	Little's	Kids	Teen	Adult
Registrations	715	106	269	108	232
Active Readers	465	76	171	75	143
Completions	297	47	102	50	98

Here is a comparison of participation between 2024 and 2025 for all ages.



We heard a lot of enthusiasm about our programs this year. Many people expressed appreciation for the variety of programs offered and that there were events for every age group. Not only did we offer in person programs, but we had ongoing passive activities in both the Children's Room and Teen Room, in addition to the 3D printed frogs that were hidden each morning for patrons to find. Here is a breakdown of the youth program statistics for each month of Summer Reading (these do not include the passive activities).

Youth Program Statistics 2025

	Total	June	July	August
Number of Youth Programs	44	22	20	2
Youth Program Attendance	1225	721	439	65

Prizes always garner excitement and this year's prizes for the reading challenge were no exception. We offered prizes for every 10 days of reading, with extra prizes at the half-way point (20 days) and upon completion. We gave out almost 1,200 prizes! Participants of every age that completed the reading challenge were then entered into a raffle for final prizes. Contacting the winners and hearing the surprise and pleasure when telling them they won is always fun for me! Every year, Maranda from Wood TV 8 helps procure prizes for the libraries in the Lakeland Coop, some of which are a limited number of grand prizes for items and experiences. This year our own Evie Mansager-aged 10- won a grand prize! I went to the KDL Service Center to pick up her prizes from Maranda.

Adult Summer Reading saw nice increases in adult participation over 2024, with 232 registrations (203 in 2024), 143 logging (115 in 2024), and 98 completions (70 in 2024). A big contributor to this growth has been targeted promotion at the Very Barry Event in June, along with clear communication from staff that participation does not require having a library card. These changes have made the program more inclusive and accessible, helping more community members engage with summer reading.

Building Updates

The handicap parking sign damaged earlier this year when a patron hit the pole with their car has been fully repaired. A new concrete base has been installed and the old sign re-attached. The sidewalk where the old sign was mounted has also been repaired with the generous donation of time and expertise by Bob Main.

On Monday, August 11, the staff came into the building and found water leaking from the ceiling over the children's computers. Our HVAC company came out that morning and discovered that the main rooftop HVAC unit's condensation drain was somehow plugged. That caused water to come down through the ducts instead of draining properly. No direct cause was identified, but the unit is now functioning properly. Luckily, we had no permanent damage: the carpet has been dried, no computer equipment was lost (other than a keyboard and mouse), and a few ceiling tiles are being replaced.

The leaking server room air conditioner has been replaced after the Board approved the work at the August 4, 2025 meeting.

A lot of weeding has been happening to keep bind-weed under control, especially at the southeast corner of the building. Thank you to all who have helped, especially Karen D., Judy K., and a number of youth volunteers.



Project Updates

Strategic Planning: All focus group sessions were completed as of August 1. Feedback has been compiled along with the surveys and the staff is busy developing the draft plan. An initial outline will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September meeting, followed by an all-staff meeting to add more detail. A more final draft is planned to go to the board again in October.

Automatic Bathroom Doors: Installing automatic door openers on the downstairs bathroom doors could not be completed as planned in 2024, but is now underway for Fall 2025. Electrical work is being scheduled, followed by the door contractor. We hope to have the new openers in place by mid-October if all goes well. This will greatly increase the Library's accessibility for anyone physically challenged or even just parents juggling kids and strollers.

Training

Here is what the staff did in August:

- Chloe: attended an all-day session from MCLS on “Learning to Manage for New Managers.” See her report for more information.

Assistant Director Tess Allerdin’s Report

I have continued to make progress in my Local Authors project this month. The plan is for the Local Authors collection to be housed on the shelving unit that currently holds our oversize books. The unit will be moved forward to the Wi-Fi Lounge to make it more visible, and the furniture and desks currently in that area will be shifted to accommodate. I have weeded the oversize and business books that were on that unit, and the remaining items will be added into the nonfiction collection. I completed my audit of local authors currently in our collection and have created a master list of what we have. I am working with Marty to get those items re-cataloged and ready to go to their new location.

On August 12th, Erin and I had a call with a representative from the book vendor Brodart to explore adding them as a vendor. Erin and I were very impressed with the company, and we are currently in the process of getting set up as a customer with them. We are hoping that having another option for book purchasing will help mitigate some of the delays we have experienced with Baker and Taylor, who is currently our primary source for books. We will retain Baker and Taylor as a vendor, but we are excited at the prospect of having another option, and to hopefully get books into patrons’ hands sooner!

At the time of the board meeting, the application for Holiday Market 2025 will have closed. As of writing this report, we are expecting 45 booth spaces!

Youth Librarian Erin Quada’s Report

Open Houses

Hastings went back to school mid-August and before that happened, the district held an evening of open houses for families to get into the buildings, find their classrooms, and meet their teachers. I was invited to be a part of some of those open houses and attended at Northeastern and the middle school. Sara Syswerda of Pierce Cedar Creek attended Southeastern and was gracious enough to take some of our flyers about fall programming. This was my first invitation to be involved with an event at the middle school and I hope that it is a gateway that can lead to a more fulfilling partnership between the schools and the Library.

Great Start Collaborative Foam Party

Great Start Collaborative (GSC) held their third annual Foam Party, which has become a combined event with other local organizations. This year the event was held at Tyden Park and had over 400 people in attendance. I was present with a table for the Library where I handed out information about upcoming programs and events, offered some swag, and helped kids pick out and apply temporary tattoos. I had a privilege of sharing a tent with Maggie Bayerl from The Ability Collective. I commented on a toy she had on her table and “needing to get one for the Library.” She was so generous and gifted it to the Library at the end of the event. The toy features a child in a wheelchair and a handicap accessible bus. It has only been in the Children’s circle for about two weeks and I have already heard conversations between children and parents about disabilities and what that may or may not look like.



Collection

There haven’t been any big changes to the youth collections this month, but there are a couple smaller things to note. Several books about math were added to the collection in picture books, juvenile fiction, and nonfiction. These books were some of the materials supplied by Kim Domke through a grant from Thrivent. Additional items from that grant will be made into two math kits that will be part of Library of Things, Jr. (LoT Jr.) The kits cover topics of area/perimeter and telling time. Additionally, there was a patron request for more Tonie figures for the LoT Jr. I purchased 6 more characters to add to the collection. They will be available for circulation soon.

Marketing and Programming Coordinator Barbara Haywood’s Report Events Recap

Rain Barrel Workshop - Held on August 26, 35 participants learned about water conservation and stormwater management. Hosted by WMEAC, the Thornapple River Watershed Council, the

Barry Conservation District, and the Library, the event provided attendees with 55-gallon upcycled rain barrels and expert guidance on installation and maintenance. Participants left with practical tools to reduce stormwater runoff and conserve water at home. The workshop was well-received, and plans are in place for future events to further educate the community on water conservation.



Digital: Libby added the Southwest Michigan Digital Library as a partner in August. This means almost all OverDrive digital collections are now shared across all of Michigan, with only a few notable exceptions like the Detroit Public Library and some other large, non-cooperative based collections.

Circulation Supervisor Chloe Lewis' Report

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, I worked remotely in order to attend the MCLS Virtual Workshop "Learning to Manage for New Managers." This session provided me with valuable insights into effective management practices and was overall very enjoyable! It was especially meaningful to be able to connect the concepts presented during the workshop with my own firsthand experiences—both from observing past managers and from learning directly under our current Director and Assistant Director. I also left the workshop with several resources and materials that I look forward to reviewing in greater depth.

Employee Insight Sessions: These have continued to progress very well. These sessions not only provide important perspective on how we can best support staff in their professional development, but they also create opportunities to strengthen overall connections with team members.

Inventory Progress: We recently welcomed a new volunteer to assist with inventory, bringing our team to two volunteers. This additional assistance will allow us to move through the process more efficiently.

Maternity Leave Planning: In August, I began discussions with David and Tess regarding my upcoming maternity leave, which will begin in November. Starting in September, I will begin training select staff members on some responsibilities they will be covering in my absence. My goal is to ensure that this transition is as smooth and seamless as possible for everyone involved.

Upcoming Programs and Events – September 2025

- 8, Monday, 6pm – An Ear Full of Agriculture, Chicken Keeping Edition
- 9, Tuesday, 6:30pm – Lift Every Voice Book Club
- 12, Friday, 4pm – Author Discussion on Self-Publishing with Local Author Sydney Wiswell
- 13, Saturday, 10am – Writing Workshop with Local Author Sydney Wiswell
- 15, Monday, 6pm – Useful vs. Likely to Kill You Mushrooms
- 24, Wednesday, 6pm – Terry Dennison on Historic Hollywood
- 26, Friday, 3:30pm – Teen Video Game Tournament
- 29, Monday, 6:30pm – Regenerative Agriculture



August 2025 Council Report

To: The City Council

From: Verne Robins, Utilities Superintendent

Subject: Utilities Monthly Council Report

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Major Projects at Wastewater

- **Final Clarifier #2 Improvements – Preliminary Design**

Bid opening Thursday September 4th

- RFP for Tank Painting final review
- Detroit Pump is assembling the pump and heater skid for Alum

Major Projects at Drinking Water

- **Pressure Filter Tank Painting**

RFP is in the works. Anticipated release date is mid-September

- **Flow Meters on the Wells**

Well Flow Meters are Installed, and we are now collecting data

Wastewater Plant

- Effluent discharge permit renewal has been submitted
- A new Polymer blend will be tested this month



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Drinking Water

- The annual water quality testing has been completed
- Lab Operators' annual certification testing is completed
- Operators are studying for the November Certification exams in November