

**HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
October 11, 2016**

The re-convened regular meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Clerk, Marlene Golovich at 7:00 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N., Charlevoix

Board members present were Marlene Golovich, Paul Hoadley, Jim Rudolph, and Robbin Kraft. Ethel Knepp was absent. Audience members signed in were Jerry Simpson, Ron VanZee, Matt Cunningham, Dee Janz, David Zipp, and Doug Kuebler.

Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to appoint Paul Hoadley to chair the meeting in the Supervisors absence. Motion approved.

Trustee Hoadley asked to be joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEWED AGENDA – No Additions

SIGN RESOLUTION – Paul Hoadley read the proposed sign resolution (see attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT –

How is Supervisor Knepp was doing.

How does the Board determine 1st Amendment rights with who puts up signs

Tell us who the complainants were and we will apologize to them

Go forward with prohibiting signs on Twp property. It's fair to everyone

Does it include all signs

The Township should allow political signs and all signs

Concerned about the Township having the ability to allow some signs and not others

That portion of the resolution should be removed

It feels personal and it is personal. Before we set up on Township property for the primary we researched the law and the 1st amendment. We were within the law in setting up. We had 5 kids out playing all day and neighbors giving out vegetables. We did everything by the law. Did the Board look at the case law Bryan Graham used. It has zero relevance to what we are talking about tonight. It had to do with obstruction and illegal protests not signs. Everything we did was legal. Your attorney gave you the wrong advice and he has done that on another case as well. We have contacted the ACLU and we have an attorney that will take the case if you enact this ordinance. The sad part of this is you did not come to any of us to discuss this. You could have come to any one of us. It is not right to take away the rights of all township residents. Township property belongs to everyone not just the township board. Why do it this way. People have a right to gather. It is personal, you are upset about our sign. We have a complaint with the ACLU and they will move forward.

This is our property too. Kicking us off of it is not right.

We were just trying to keep the public informed.

Clerk Golovich stated that the Township attorney was consulted after a voter told the clerk that she felt intimidated by the group gathered at the primary and did not stay to vote. Other complaints were received about the circus atmosphere of the group. Clerk Golovich also stated that communication was a two way street and the group never contacted the Board to discuss any of this before contacting an attorney.

Trustee Rudolph stated he hears what Ron is saying but other groups could come in that would not be as desirable. This resolution would be fair to everyone.

Trustee Hoadley stated that it could get unruly if opposing groups all did the same thing.

Paul Hoadley asked how the Board wanted to proceed. Clerk Golovich stated she thought the board should move on. No action was taken on the resolution.

FALL NEWSLETTERS –

Public Comment

The taxpayers have the right to know, the newsletter is appropriate. Everyone should be glad to put this information out. There is a group holding township meetings hostage, they harass the board to get their own way. We need to go forward with this park.

At the last meeting you stated there would be a gatekeeper. Who is the gatekeeper? The Board is the gatekeeper.

Why put this out before the election, inform them after the election

Only publish the grant information

Every board member should write a little piece, which would be a newsletter. This reads political.

Has the edited version been presented tonight and will this be the version that is printed? Yes

Treasurer Kraft stated that the information in the newsletter is factual and informative. We need to be transparent and move forward with the newsletter.

Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to publish and mail the fall newsletter.

Yays: Jim Rudolph, Paul Hoadley, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

Nays:

Absent: Ethel Knepp

VETERANS MEMORIAL- Robbin Kraft made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to schedule the Veterans Memorial dedication for 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5, 2016. Cake and coffee will be served after the ceremony.

Yays: Jim Rudolph, Paul Hoadley, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

Nays:

Absent: Ethel Knepp

GRANTS OVERVIEW – Clerk Golovich presented a grant overview put together with help from Performance Engineering. Ron VanZee stated that some match dollars were coming from other grants and not the township general fund and that was not very clear on the document. Paul stated that the Township told the MNRTF that we would put in a boat launch and it is pretty remarkable that the township was able to do this. Don't lose it. The private donations speak volumes about the support for this project.

INTERNET BANKING – Robbin Kraft made a motion, supported by Jim Rudolph to set up internet banking at Charlevoix State Bank for the checking account only authorizing the clerk and the treasurer access to the account online.

Yays: Jim Rudolph, Paul Hoadley, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

Nays:

Absent: Ethel Knepp

CLERK PRESENTS

MINUTES – Jim Rudolph made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to approve the September 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Golovich stated she received an update on the road work being proposed in conjunction with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The estimated cost for the tribe to do one mile of Upper Bayshore Rd from Pincherry to Burnett Rd is \$401,000.00 with work to begin in 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE - Any correspondence received by the Clerk was provided to the Board Members for their review and comment.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – Saturday, October 15, is volunteer day at the park. Topics from the P&R Committee meeting were; developing a farmers market, the burn pile (it has already been arranged with Charlevoix Twp. Fire Dept. to burn it), and enclosing the base of some cabins. Paul stated he would talk to Craig about winterizing the engines on maintenance equipment.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION – The PC meeting date was changed. The PC did a site visit to the events barn at the Country Club. The new twp. planner will meet with the entire PC rather than a committee.

TREASURERS REPORT – Robbin presented a written report and oral overview.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – No report.

TRUSTEE REPORT – Jim Rudolph stated he attended the MTA chapter meeting. They cautioned that anyone using a name stamp to sign checks or documents should have that

stamp in their possession at all times. The township has the legal write to give bid discounts to township residents. It must be established by policy.

ASSESSOR REPORT – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Encourage the PC & ZBA to attend the special meeting on the 26th

Remove old business from agenda

Look into memorial garden for Undine Cemetery and apply to the tribe for a grant to purchase a tractor for the park and cemetery

You may need a bid policy

The door closes hard in the men's bathroom. It needs to be adjusted.

Paul Hoadley made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to adjourn this meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectively submitted

Marlene Golovich
Hayes Township Clerk

Minutes approved as written November 14, 2016