
HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
July 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ethel Knepp at 7:30 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N., Charlevoix

Board members present were Marlene Golovich, Rich Burnett, Robin Kraft, Doug Kuebler and Ethel Knepp. Audience members were Jonathan Scheel, Paul Hoadley, Shirlene Tripp, Scott Parker, Jim Rudolph, Lloyd Kuebler, Al Ranger, Pat Ranger, Tom Helzerman, Sally Sippell, Jesse Halstead, Linda Halstead, Valerie Snyder, David Zipp, Warren Nugent, Carol Hisey, Sharon Bagby, Nancy LaCroix, Al Gooch, Marianne Mundy, Jerry Mundy, John Hogan, Candis Hogan, Florence Lersch, Richard Hanna and George Lasater.

REVIEWED AGENDA – The following agenda items were added; Chair Storage, EAB Message Board, Eastern Ave Beach, Undine Cemetery Dirt and Hall Rental Rates

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS – Scott Parker stated the Board should be commended for their efforts to renovate the Township Hall. He said he has a suggested picture list for the hall, Big Rock, Undine cemetery, Old gas station in Burgess, Green Sky Hill Church. He also asked if there was any opposition to hanging the projector screen in a different location. There was no opposition.

EASTERN AVENUE BEACH – Bryan Graham, attorney for Hayes Township, stated that the Board needs to decide whether to proceed to Circuit Court to seek remedy for the ongoing debate of property ownership at Easter Avenue Beach. The Township has an agreement from 1995 with the Darnton Family. The new owner of the Darnton property, Mr Fowler, is in violation of that agreement.

Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Doug Kuebler to authorize the Township attorney, Bryan Graham, to seek help via the Circuit Court or by whatever legal means available to enforce the 1995 agreement with the Darnton family.

Roll Call

Marlene Golovich	Yes
Robin Kraft	Yes
Ethel Knepp	Yes
Rich Burnett	Yes
Doug Kuebler	Yes

Motion carried.

Scott Parker asked if the Township had ~~move~~ **moved** Mr Fowlers dock off public beach onto his property and did Mr Fowler then move it back onto the public beach area. Yes, that is true. Ethel

Knepp stated someone had also clear cut the area adjacent to the stream. Bryan Graham stated he would contact Ethel if he needed any further information.

Clerk Golovich asked the concerned audience members to please be patient and let the Township have time to remedy the situation at the beach and not to confront Mr Fowler on their own.

Jonathan Scheel explained that the Township received a permit from the DEQ to remove a ten foot section of vegetation running parallel with the waters edge. He also stated that vegetation above the high water mark can be hand pulled or removed mechanically.

Kim Shanahan asked when the Township would be removing the concrete patio material on the beach. Once the issue of ownership is resolved all trespass items will be removed. She stated that the Township already owns it so why the delay. Bryan Graham stated that someone needs to start the process and the Township is not going to wait for the Fowlers to start.

Jess Halstead asked if the Township would get the vegetation mechanically removed. Paul Hoadley stated that the Township owns the beach and they should be responsible for maintenance.

Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to hire someone to mechanically remove the vegetation from the beach area above the all-time high water mark. Motion carried unanimously.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNERS – Supervisor Knepp stated that the Township has received a complaint regarding the use of and health hazards associated with outdoor wood burners. She stated she was not in favor of the Township dealing with complaints that should be handled thru building codes and did not believe the Township had the authority to do it. The Township attorney said that the Township can deal with the problem via a nuisance ordinance. He also stated that the complainant also has the right to sue his neighbor. Jim Rudolph stated that it is not the burners that are the nuisance but the smoke they create. Bryan Graham said the Township should consider how widespread the issue was before enacting a nuisance ordinance. The entire Board consensus is that no ordinance is needed.

CHAIR STORAGE – Clerk Golovich presented a proposal for building a closet to store the folding chairs. Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Ethel Knepp to accept the proposal for \$1273.00 to build a storage closet for the folding chairs.

Roll Call

Marlene Golovich	Yes
Robin Kraft	No
Ethel Knepp	Yes
Rich Burnett	No
Doug Kuebler	No
Motion Fails.	

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE – Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to purchase a load of black dirt, not to exceed \$200.00, for cemetery maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

EASTERN AVE PARK SIGNAGE – Clerk Golovich presented an idea for a message board for Eastern Ave. Beach. The message board would take the place of individual signage for park rules etc. Suggestions were made to put it out for bids to have one made or research other options. Treasurer Kraft agreed to do the research **on** other options. Robin Kraft made a motion, supported by Ethel Knepp to put some sort of signage at Easter Ave. Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK PRESENTS

MINUTES – Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to approve the June 10, 2013 Budget Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to approve the June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES – Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to approve invoices totaling \$30,511.75.

Roll Call

Ethel Knepp	Yes
Rich Burnett	Yes
Doug Kuebler	Yes
Robin Kraft	Yes
Marlene Golovich	Yes

Motion carried.

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

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION – Doug Kuebler stated that the PC is holding a public hearing to take public comment on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment July 16, 2013.

TREASURERS REPORT - Robbin Kraft stated the summer tax bills went out.

SUPERVISOR REPORT - Supervisor Knepp stated she was sorry that Anna Kuebler resigned her position after thirty three years of devotion. She will be missed. Ethel stated she attended another meeting for the proposed EMS and fire authority. Marion and

Charlevoix Township are not interested in forming an authority for fire service. The City of Charlevoix's Fire Department are a unionized group and they do not want to take on the expense of wages and benefits they do not have control over. The group of Townships is working towards developing an authority for EMS only.

Ethel stated the Board of Review will meet July 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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TRUSTEE REPORT – Rich Burnett reported he received a phone call alerting him that someone may be living at Camp Sea-Gull. After further investigation it did not appear there was. Clerk Golovich stated that she has seen people there a few times just looking around.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Jonathan Scheel presented a written report and oral overview.

BLIGHT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Tammy Hopkins sent a written report.

ASSESOR REPORT – Paul Hoadley reported that the BOR will meet in July 13, 2013 to correct errors.

ROAD WORK – Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Doug Kuebler to put out for bids road work of 0.16 miles (850-ft) on Pincherry Rd. west to top of hill for bituminous paving and drainage improvements. The engineers estimate is \$64,487.50.

Supervisor Knepp will call the Road Commission and ask them for engineers estimate for Afton stone for Maple Grove Road, gravel for Dalton Road, wedge and overlay for Terrace Lane in Bayshore and site borings for the section of Pincherry Road in front of Dave Zipps house.

Jim Rudolph asked the Township to write a letter to Resort Township in Emmet County regarding repair to their section of Townline Road. Clerk Golovich will compose and send the letter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Scott Parker stated that while painting he noticed a few other maintenance items that needed attention. The air ducts need cleaning, exterior doors need painting, overhead lights need repair, rear door side light window needs replacing, exit lights need new bulbs and various wasp nests need to be removed.

Office manager Golovich will contact Mikes Glass for the window, call Craig Golovich to remove wasps and repair exit lights, call Stanley Steamer to clean ducts, and find an electrician to repair the overhead lights. Scott Parker will paint the exterior doors.

CLEANING POSITION – Clerk Golovich will place an advertisement for the Township Hall cleaning position. Clerk Golovich was asked if she would take the responsibility of taking reservations for the hall rental. She agreed.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Marlene Golovich
Hayes Township Clerk

Minutes approved as corrected August 12, 2013