

Hayes Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2021
Hayes Township Hall
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

The September 13th, 2021 meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron VanZee at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were: Matt Cunningham (Trustee), Julie Collard (Treasurer), Ron VanZee (Supervisor), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), Kristin Baranski (Clerk), April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary)

Audience Members signed in: Kacey Cook, Debbie Narten, Lucy Moore, Fred Parsons, Luanne Kozma, Rex Greenslade, Winnie Boal, Spencer McCormack, Roy Griffiths, Ellis Boal, Robert Jess, Jennifer McKay, Jill McDonnell, Jonathan Friendly, Bob Drost, and Bette Henne.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Ron VanZee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board members and audience joined Supervisor VanZee in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Hayes Township Board of Trustees honored the 13 servicemembers killed in Afghanistan. Ms. Collard read the names and a moment of silence followed.

- Lance Cpl. David Lee Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas
- Sgt. Nicole Gee, 23, of Roseville, Calif.
- Staff Sgt. Taylor Hoover, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah
- Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, of Knoxville, Tenn.
- Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, a Marine from Bondurant, Wyo.
- Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, Calif.
- Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
- Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, 20, of Norco, Calif.
- Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, of Lawrence, Mass.
- Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, 22, of Logansport, Ind.
- Cpl. Daegan William-Tyler Page, 23, from Omaha, Neb.
- Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20
- Seaman Maxton “Max” Soviak, 22, of Ohio

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA:

Spelling correction ‘storage’ on line 9.

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8a. Correspondence for Zoning Administrator
10a. Park Host: Becky and Greg ending of season.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the agenda as amended.
Yays: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Doug Kuebler, Kristin Baranski, Ron VanZee
Nays: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comment opened at 7:07 pm. Comments included:
misconception regarding the Tip of the Mitt participation in review of the Shoreline
Restoration Plan/ Tip of the Mitt was not part of review due to member being on medical
leave/ Tip of the Mitt sent recommendation of denial to EGLE and Army Corp/ permit has
expired/ modified plan needs approval. Public comments closed at 7:11 pm.

APPROVAL OF August 9TH, 2021 BOT MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the August 9th, 2021
Board of Trustees minutes as presented.
Yays: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Doug Kuebler, Kristin Baranski, Ron VanZee
Nays: None Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT Ms. Collard presented a written report reporting all Hayes Township
account balances.

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS Clerk, Ms. Baranski, presented the warrants in
the amount of \$89,924.55.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve Township warrants in
the amount of \$89,924.55. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Kristin Baranski, Doug Kuebler
Nays: None Motion Carried

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT Mr. Jess present the County Commissioner Report.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT Ms. Collard presented a Parks and Rec. Committee recap.

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PLANNING COMMISSION Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next Planning Commission meeting is on September 14th, 2021.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Zoning board of appeals did not meet.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Ron VanZee presented a Zoning Administrator report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT Ron VanZee presented a Supervisor report.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATION

Deputy Clerk read into record a correspondence from a residence regarding concerns of the Zoning Administrator. The Board responded to the letter and did not agree with the request to replace the current Zoning Administrator. A copy of this correspondence is attached to the minutes. The Hayes Township Board of Trustees took a moment to address the request to review the performance of Ron VanZee as Zoning Administrator. Comments included: interaction with residents as zoning administration is handled with respect, timeliness, knowledge/ ill advised to remove VanZee as zoning administrator/ trust VanZee as zoning administrator/request is foolish.

ELECTRONIC RECORD STORAGE / .GOV EMAILS

It has come to the Board's attention the importance of incorporating a different method of township email accounts/backup system and electronic record storage. Board of Trustees will follow up with a firm proposal.

PARKS AND REC BID REQUESTS

Board of Trustees came to a census to grant the Parks and Rec permission to go forward with discussion and proposals for improvements at Hayes Township Park.

PARK HOST: BECKY AND GREG'S END OF SEASON

Greg wanted to thank the township for allowing Becky and he to care for Hayes Township Park again this year. He also shared with the board suggestions from park visitors for the park. The most common has been requests for grills for the park as well as steps to enter

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the water. These requests will be passed along to the Parks and Rec committee for further decisions and research.

BAYSIDE PARK TITLE SEARCH

Township attorney has obtained clear title work from a title insurance company for Bayside Park. The Township can officially legally own Bayside Park with a clear title.

Ms. Collard made a motion, with support from , for Ron VanZee (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk) to sign for the clear title insurance policy document.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Kristin Baranski, Doug Kuebler

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Ms. Collard made a motion, with support from Ms. Baranski, to pay the invoice for the clear title insurance policy document in the amount of \$1691.00. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Kristin Baranski, Doug Kuebler

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

HAYES TOWNSHIP POSITION ON THE LAW PROPERTY Mr. VanZee spoke regarding the Township's position on the Law property decision. The statement was included in the Board's packets, was available as a handout to the public and has been posted on the website as well as various internet outlets. A copy is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 8:12 pm. Comments include:

- * Enormous resources for shoreline protection in Hayes Township
- * Watershed Council has questions regarding moving forward on permit process (will permit have to be renewed/reviewed)
- * Watershed Council recommends the permit be denied as proposed but notes the applicant has been opened to modifying the plans per recommendations
- * VanZee noted the permit was issued with conditions that have not been met yet and any modifications or suggestions that affect the permit would be reviewed
- * Opposition to the project and notes this is another huge project that digs into shoreline/Camp Seagull

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- * Hayes Township is setting the precedent of development like this on the lake; when did we stop caring about the lake?
- * Neighbor was assured by seller of property to the Laws that the property would not change
- * Board is a marked improvement that previous 40 years
- * Bayside Park, was it purchased in the past and what was the cost?
- * Township could bring to attention of residents all large projects
- * Request to Township to revisit the approval and rescind approval
- * Request to Township to fix the statement on the website to name the project owners (Law)
- * Township did everything to conceal what was going on
- * Shameful to portray as a neighbor dispute
- * Everyone especially lakefront property owners to protect shoreline
- * Zoning Administrator should not have issued permit prior to Army Corp; it has all been done wrong
- * No bad faith and zoning administrator has been respectful in his responses
- * Did not know it was happening; found out in a chance meeting with the county
- * Motion included that permit would not be issued until approval from Army Corp
- * Unwritten rule to follow up- that cannot be
- * Belief that the permit is expired

Public comments closed at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Hilton
Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary