

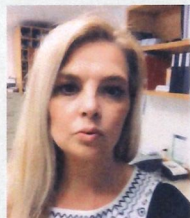
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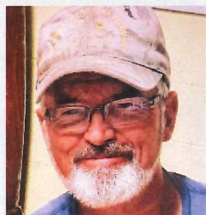
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# Hayes VOICE TOWNSHIP

## CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

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July 2023

### From the Desk of Hayes Township Supervisor Ron VanZee: a new monthly feature in the Voice!

It doesn't seem possible that I have been Hayes Township Supervisor for almost 7 years. I have to say, not all aspects of this position are rosy, however, to see what we have accomplished makes it easier to move past any challenges. Much like having your kids grow up and leave home, you find yourself only remembering the fun, the adventure, and the achievements that you helped nurture.

We do our best to keep our commitment to community engagement through transparency. All of our actions, procedures, and decisions are done in public meetings with no hidden agendas. Township updates can be found on our website and in our monthly newsletter 'The Voice'. We offer ZOOM virtual meetings and provide easy links to the meetings on our website, as well as provide for in person and online public comment. All meeting packets are posted on the website prior to the meetings.

We continue to work updating and upgrading township properties/parks for all residents to use and enjoy. Our new EMS building is staffed with full-time EMS personnel to ensure quick response for the first time in history north of the bridge. As a board, an additional \$50,000 of our annual budget is committed to helping us fund improvements on township roads.

Hayes is strong and healthier than ever. We have persevered in the face of uncertainty and been able to observe firsthand what wonderful friends and neighbors reside in our township. I am honored to continue to grow roots, raise my family, work and live in a place where, at the end of every day, this is exactly where I belong.

I look forward to sharing a little something each month to try to keep residents informed.

All my best,  
Ron

## Notes from the June 2023 Budget Hearing

- The Board presented a draft of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year budget.
- The Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer reviewed several different aspects of the proposed budget. Clarifications were shared for both increases and decreases of different categories. The proposed budget included figures from last year's budget, the actual amount spent so far per line item this fiscal year, as well as the amount proposed for the new budget for 2023-24.

## Notes from the June 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting

- The Board adopted salary resolutions and adopted a revised draft of the 2023-24 Budget.
- Three bids were reviewed for a new parking lot for the Township Hall. The Board approved the lowest bid of \$3590.00 from Picture Perfect Asphalt.
- A Post Audit Policy that will allow bills to be paid between board meetings to avoid penalties and late payments was approved. All payments made after a meeting will be shown on the warrants for the following month.
- Two different zero turn mowers quotes were reviewed. The board approved purchase of a Husqvarna mower for \$3,349.99.

## Notes from June 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

- The Advisory committee's final report and map were presented to the PC. A full report is available on-line and at the township.
- PC reviewed a Shoreland subcommittee report. They will hold a special meeting to further review site plan on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Commissioners were provided with a guideline to begin discussion on accessory dwelling units.
- Please direct all questions/comments for Planning Commission members to: [HayestownshipPC@gmail.com](mailto:HayestownshipPC@gmail.com)
- The Advisory Group has their own website: [hayesmasterplan.org](http://hayesmasterplan.org). All information and meeting dates, as well as ZOOM recordings, will be posted on this website by Beckett & Raeder.

## Notes from June 2023

### Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- Julie shared that the picnic tables, grills, and water station have been delivered are being scheduled for assembly and installation.
- The committee discussed several options to address the erosion/slope of land in front to the pavilion.
- A digital copy of the Recreation Master Plan was shared with all members. The group will begin updating and revision of the plan and will be putting a timeline together for the project.
- All Parks and Recreation correspondence can be sent to [hayestownshippr@gmail.com](mailto:hayestownshippr@gmail.com)

## Hayes Township Calendar

July 2023

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Community Coffee, 1pm

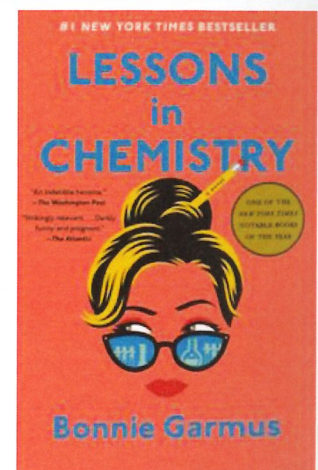
Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Board of Trustees, 7pm

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Parks and Recreation  
Committee, 6pm\*

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Hayes Township Book Club, 1pm

All events are held at the  
Hayes Township Hall unless  
otherwise noted.



### July Book Club Pick!

Our next book club novel is  
*Lessons in Chemistry*  
by Bonnie Garmus

This should be a fun beach  
read for everyone!

Our book club will meet on  
Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm  
at the Hayes Township Hall.

If there are any questions, please  
contact Kristin at 231-547-6961



*When minutes matter we are there.*

## Year two of Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority (LCEMSA):

From the director and the staff, we would like to thank everyone for all their support. We couldn't do it without all of you. You may have noticed a new station in Hayes Township, which is a blessing to our ability to respond quicker and render aid sooner to the ill and injured.

Accomplishments in the past couple of years as mentions a new station, purchased a used ambulance from auction which turned out to be a great asset and one new van style ambulance to be efficient on the longer distance interfacility transports. Added additional full and part-time staff as the call volume has not let off the gas yet. 2,254 calls for service in the year 2022 and we have crossed the 1,000 calls for service already in June of 2023 coming into our busiest season.

Over the past few years, we have built the new station, purchased a traditional ambulance as well as a van style one that is more efficient on long distance interfacility transports. Thankfully, have added additional full and part-time staff, as our call volume has not let off the gas. In 2022, we had 2,254 calls for service, and we have already passed 1,000 calls in 2023, with June bringing us into our busiest season, we are certain to surpass last year's numbers.

Our community involvement is ramping up to be a huge benefit and success to the citizens we serve. We have held monthly CPR/AED training, provided EMT school locally instructed in the field by our staff, provided COVID 19 vaccinations to patients that could not get out to the clinics. We have been visiting local schools and providing education and awareness for all ages. We would like to recognize Riley Petersons class at Charlevoix High School for participating in our Emergency Medical Responder courses as well as coming to the station and job shadowing. We have been able to provide the students with working relationships with the State of Michigan EMS, Charlevoix Public Schools, as well as our local staff, who have taken time to teach the students to aim high for their goals and to mentor them along the way.

We will be ramping up even more community involvement in prevention and education. Keep an eye out for local LCEMSA events—they are free, fun, effective and everyone is welcome.

Stay tuned for more great things to come!

- Director Silva & EMS Staff

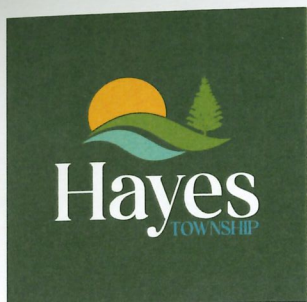


*Summer  
Memories  
on Susan  
Lake*

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.-

Henry Ford





# VOICE VIEWS

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Visit:  
[Hayestownshipmi.gov](http://Hayestownshipmi.gov)

## HAYES TOWNSHIP PARKS

Summer is here, and it's the perfect time to enjoy one of our Hayes Township Parks!



### Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull (8580 Boyne City Road)

Camp Sea Gull is a beautiful and peaceful location. Located off Lake Charlevoix, the park features a boat launch, fishing pier, open picnic area, nature interpretive signage, pavilion picnic area, grills, pit toilets, and ample guest parking. Come try your luck at the pier or enjoy a sunset off the lake.



### Hayes Township Hall Park (9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road)

We have picnic tables, grills, a playground, and interpretive nature signage at this park that borders a forest. There is parking and a bike rack. The park is set away from the road and is a great spot to relax and bird and nature watch.

### Hayes Township Bay Side Park (corner of Spring Street)

This hidden gem has million-dollar views of Lake Michigan. It's a quiet nook that is perfect if you would like to take a little hike to the shore. Please note that there are only two parking spaces for visitors at the park, and a small wooden sign that is somewhat challenging to locate.



### Eastern Avenue Beach (end of Eastern Avenue)

This sandy beach of Lake Charlevoix is the perfect place to cool off in the summer heat. There is a parking area, bike rack, fire pit, and picnic tables. There are no bathrooms at this park, so plan accordingly. The views will calm you; the water will refresh you.

Please note: Per Michigan Leash law, dogs visiting any Hayes Township Parks must be always on their leash. Pet owners, please be considerate and clean up after your dogs.

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