

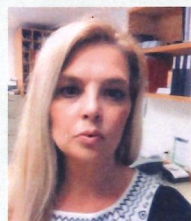
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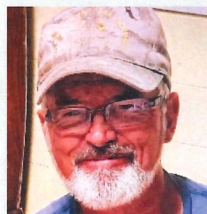
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June 2024

Budget: Respect for Your Tax Dollars

As you read this newsletter, spring has returned lush leaves to our trees, and a flurry of activity in the nature around us. This surge in nature's activities also coincides with an exceptionally busy time at the Township. Our fiscal year starts July 1, demanding that we prepare the annual Township budget each June. In the last two issues of 'The Voice', we detailed the unexpected costs that the Township has recently faced, and this month we will explain the budget process (see companion article from our Township Clerk). I think you will find it illuminating as our adherence to strict budget setting standards ensures that your tax dollars are spent in the most efficient and productive way.

But budget setting, while hugely important, is only one piece of the puzzle that makes up the Township's financial process, the end result of which determines the financial health of the Township overall. To best illustrate this, a good measure is the Township's net worth, while taking into account the expenditures on public works each year.

The following chart shows the results from the townships operations for the previous five years with balances taken from the final audit report for each fiscal year.

	<u>Total Net Worth (1)</u>	<u>Public works expenditures</u>
2016	\$5,918,645	\$11,898
2018	\$6,265,100	\$251,167
2020	\$7,546,866	\$108,805
2022	\$7,135,915	\$530,454
2023	\$7,250,484	\$214,471

(1) Data source: Hayes Township audits on file at the Hall

As you can see, over the last five years, public works expenditure in Hayes Township has been very significant. Spending on public works funded two new parks, major road resurfacing projects, and our brand-new EMS station totaling \$1,116,805.

I am proud that the Township's adherence to strict expenditure protocols and processes has ensured that the benefits that these projects bring to Hayes Township residents have been achieved while still maintaining a strong and healthy net worth. That ensures that the Township's financial health remains strong in the long term.

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and happy Summer and, of course, don't hesitate to contact me or anyone else at the Township's office if you have any questions on this or any subject.

Warmest Regards,
Ron VanZee

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Thank you & enjoy our beautiful summertime!

- Leo Buscaglia



New feature at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull!

Our water station is installed and ready to go! Thanks to a grant from the Charlevoix Millage Committee, we now have a place for park guests to refill their water bottles, get a quick drink, and even let your furry family members hydrate with the bottom dog fountain feature.



Spring 2024 Clean Up SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

****Limit of 2 yards per household (size of 8-foot truck bed)**

Please do NOT put out:

Electronics, old TV's, shingles, any fluids, tires, concrete/bricks, or hazardous materials

Okay to put out:

Mattresses (CANNOT BE WET, limit 4 per household), carpet (must be cut and bound in 3-foot sections, old couch (must be cut in 3-foot sections), appliances (freon needs to be removed from fridges), burn barrels (must be emptied of all debris)

**Please have all items out to your curb for pick up
by: 6am on June 15th**

If you have any questions, please email treasurer@hayestownship.gov or call the Hayes Township Office at (231)547-6961

Hayes Township Calendar

June 2024

Monday, June 3rd
Parks & Recreation Committee

Thursday, June 6th
Community Coffee, 1pm

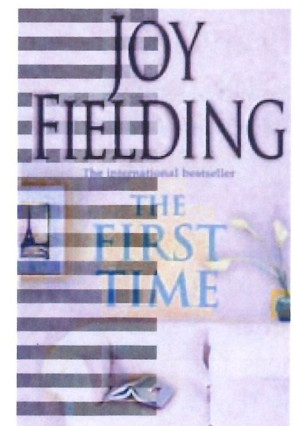
Monday, June 10th
Budget Hearing, 6pm

Monday, June 10th
Board of Trustee Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, June 18th
Planning Commission Meeting
7pm

Thursday, June 20th
Book Club, 1pm

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

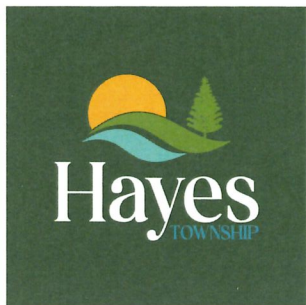


June Book Club Pick!

***The First Time
by Joy Fielding***

To get more information
or be added to our Book

Club e-mail list,
please contact Clerk
Kristin Baranski at
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Share Your Special Milestones with our Board

At the May Board of Trustee meeting, the Board members unanimously supported recognition of achievements and milestones for our wonderful residents.

If you would like a graduate in your life recognized, please share their name and future plans with us. If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone birthday (80+) or anniversary (40+), please let us know their name(s) and what year they are celebrating. We want to recognize and celebrate with you! Send all information to treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov

New Fiscal Year, New Budget

by Hayes Township Clerk Kristin Baranski

The Township operates on fiscal year which starts July 1st each year. In order for this budget to take effect there are some steps that the Township must follow to approve the budget. The budget reflects the planned activities for the upcoming year. It lays out the sources of revenues for the Township, and the planned spending for upcoming year. It is not a static document. It represents our best estimates of the activities and expenditures for the next 12 months. It can and will be modified as the year unfolds to allow for unplanned expenses or to allow the Township to benefit from advantageous opportunities as they occur.

The budget follows the uniform chart of accounts established by the State of Michigan for townships. The budget uses "fund accounting" and focuses primarily on planned spending for the year. As the Township's sources of revenue are primarily based on taxes, grants and donations that information is relatively simple.

Expenses, however, are more complex as they encompass all the activities that the Township must provide and support. Each of the various boards and committees' activities are considered with the goals for each translated into the estimated financial support required. Salaries for employees such as Tax Assessor, Deputy Clerk, Sexton, etc. and per diems for the various committee duties are projected. Training and related expenses are planned, and budgets for consultants are projected. Road projects and any other major projects are also considered.

Each of these activities fits under a required budget category. The draft budget is a compilation of input from the various Township functions and is presented to the Board of Trustees by the Clerk at a Budget Public Hearing. This takes place before the regular Board Meeting in June. The Board reviews and adjusts the budget and the public may provide feedback. The Board makes adjustments until they are assured that the budget reflects the Township's goals for the forthcoming year. The Board then moves on to approve the new proposed budget during their regular meeting.

This process is the same that all townships use and each year the results of the previous year's operations are sent to the accountants for audit.

Our budget hearing this year will be on June 10, 2024 at 6pm at the Township Hall.

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