

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
June 10TH, 2024 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
ZOOM 849 2451 3210

The June 10th, 2024, 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), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary), Ron VanZee (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk)

Audience Members signed in: Betty Henne, LuAnne Kozma, Ellis Boal, Tim Boyko, Kevin Willis, Bill Conklin, Diane Conklin, Sue Pike, Deb Narten, John Deery, Leslie Cunningham, CT Martin, Sherry Baker - McCary, Bob Jess, Laura Ford, David Kemme, Parker Fairbairn, and Roy Griffiths.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the agenda as amended.

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Doug Kuebler, Ron VanZee, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comment opened and closed at 7:03.

No Comments.

- Parker Fairbairn introduced himself.
- Resident asked if they have a drainage issue off their driveway who do they contact?
Concerned for the road flooding after all the rain.
- Stated they are running for County Commissioner.

Closed at 7:06

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APPROVAL OF MAY 13TH 2024 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve the May 13th, 2024, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as presented.

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

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 \$45,197.00.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve Township warrants out of the General Fund in the amount of \$45,197.00. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the installment payment for the EMS building loan in the amount of \$10,248.13, the total installment payment will be offset 100% by the LCEMSA monthly lease payment. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Bob Jess presented the County Commissioners Report.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

Ms. Collard presented the Parks and Rec. report.

The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is July 1st, 2024.

Township Park host Becky had an accident on a bike and have a compound fracture in her ankle. Any volunteers to help in her time of healing would be appreciated.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is June 18th, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ZBA did not meet.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ron VanZee presented a Zoning Administrator report.
Report available at the Hayes Township Hall.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Kuebler stated signage for Upper Bay Shore Road and Burges road has been ordered.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Ron VanZee presented a supervisor report.

ADOPTION OF 2024/2025 FISCAL BUDGETS:

Resolution #061024

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of trustees is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the salary of the office of trustee shall be as follows:

TRUSTEE: \$4,780.00

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to approve the salary of the office of Trustees to be \$4780.00 annually. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, and Kristin Baranski.

Abstained: Matt Cunningham, Doug Kuebler

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the salary of the office of clerk shall be as follows:

CLERK: \$ 33,626.00

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the salary of the office of Clerk to be \$33,626.00 annually. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, and Doug Kuebler.

Abstained: Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of treasurer is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the salary of the office of treasurer shall be as follows:

TREASURER: \$ 33,626.00

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the salary of the office of Treasurer to be \$33,626.00 annually. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Kristin Baranski, Ron VanZee, and Doug Kuebler.

Abstained: Julie Collard.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of supervisor is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the salary of the office of supervisor shall be as follows:

SUPERVISOR: \$ 33,626.00

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to approve the salary of the office of Supervisor to be \$33,626.00 annually. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Kristin Baranski, Julie Collard, and Doug Kuebler.

Abstained: Ron VanZee.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,
WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of assessor is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the salary of the office of assessor shall be as follows:

ASSESSOR: \$ 35,476.00

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the salary of the office of assessor to be \$35,476.00 annually. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,
WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the meeting per diem for Board of Review is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the meeting per diem for Board of Review shall be as follows:

Chair: \$ 200.00

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the meeting per diem of the office of Board of Review to be \$200.00 per meeting. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and,
WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the hourly rate for Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and File Clerk is warranted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2024, the hourly rate for Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and File Clerk shall be as follows:

Deputy Clerk: \$24.00 per hour

Deputy Treasurer: \$24.00 per hour

File Clerk: \$24.00 per hour

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the hourly rate of Deputy clerk to be \$24.00 per hour, Deputy Treasurer to be \$24.00 per hour, and File Clerk to be \$24.00 per hour. A roll call was taken.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the hourly rate of \$24.00 for Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and File Clerk. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to adopt the proposed 2024 budget and Salary Resolutions. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to adopt the proposed 2024 Road Budget. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL TREE BIDS:

Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the bid for the removal of 6 dead ash trees and trimming of apple tree at the Hayes Township Hall from Crandall Logging in the amount of \$1100.00. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 7:32 pm.

Comments included:

- Resident stated they requested the financial information of the township prior to the Budget meeting. Inquired about the process of amending the previous year budget.
- Laura Ford stated she would like to volunteer as the Hayes Township resident on the Library Board.
- Stated they see the fence has been put up around the gravel pit. Asked where the township gets road brine and is it radioactive?
- Inquired about Todd Millars investigation into previous township officials still having access to the Townships QuickBooks and other programs.
- Stated they are running for Supervisor, stated they don't understand why a FOIA would need a time extension.

Public comments closed at 7:43 p.m.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

Ms. Collard stated Gary and Carla Spence celebrated their 62-wedding anniversary last week, they both turned 80 years old this year and wanted to acknowledge them.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham, to adjourn at 7:44p.m.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,
April Hilton
Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

June 3, 2024

To: Hayes Township Parks and Rec Committee, and Board of Trustees

From: LuAnne Kozma, Hayes Township resident

I looked through the Parks and Recreation Committee's minutes from the past four meetings and I see you are still making plans for four expensive pickle ball courts for Camp Sea Gull—thinking that you are the decision-makers—and without any reliable documentation from the community or a professionally done survey, that demonstrates that pickle ball is what our community desires most.

This Committee has no legal authority to set any priorities or make decisions for the parks. Only the Board of Trustees can. This Committee can only make recommendations and advise. It does not administer a budget and therefore cannot "request" a budget item.

Such a survey should be this committee's top *recommendation* to the Board of Trustees. The Community Recreation and Park Plan is not even in the written duties of the Advisory Committee. Julie, the plan should be referred to the Board and to the Planning Commission for review and updating, unless the Board already asked the Committee to advise on its re-drafting.

The Board does have reliable data that the community prioritized a designated swim area at the park. Without it, swimming at Camp Sea Gull is unsafe and illegal. The Board enacted a Parks Ordinance that is the law, that requires swimmers to swim in the designated swim area at Camp Sea Gull and boats to stay out. But the Township Board does not provide that safety zone.

The only Community Recreation and Parks Plan approved by the Board of Trustees, although now expired for purposes of DNR grant eligibility, identified a designated swim area as a top priority for the park. The Board even passed a resolution for its enactment.

I've appeared before the parks committee and to Board meetings urging the installation of a designated swim area. Recommend to the Board that it be done this year. Before someone gets injured or dies here in Lake Charlevoix.

The Township is also legally required to abide by the grant contract with the DNR, which is to provide water access and the swimming area, as well as the station for the bike trail. Those are the documented and contractual priorities. Putting pickleball prior to that, is wrong and wastes taxpayers dollars. Thank you.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT CAMP SEAGULL

2 messages

Shelly VanWart <taxladybayshore@gmail.com>
To: treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 5:49 PM

In regards to Camp Seagull and all the "improvements" you are making are way out of line.

The first thing I noticed was on the Camp Seagull Website is a character of a child on a bicycle, meaning its kid friendly. I have no problem with the swing set, perfect we need one. Kid friendly, not to much.

I have stated my views on this before, THERE NEEDS TO BE A SWIMMING AREA!!!

NO IF ANDS OR BUTS ABOUT IT. Think about being a parent, you have 6 12 year olds for a birthday picnic at the park . Ok, they play on the swings, maybe rollerskate a little and what else do they need and want at the picnic! THEY WANT TO GO SWIMMING, NOT A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD, they want to just JUMP IN where the PICNIC IS. I can't imagine saying to a bunch of children "ok get in the car so we can go down the road where its safe to swim." Then we will come back here for cake. Are you kidding me. Swimming goes hand in hand with the word picnic. Bunch of old people changing a nice park to an old people park. What's next NO KIDS ALLOWED.

Also you all know my views on the Pickle Ball Courts, I can't think of any way other words

to get across to you, that this is the worst waste of over \$300,000. ever. There are less than 2,000 people in the township, so people will be lining up to play pickleball? This is someone's whimsy and not in the townships best interest. That money could accomplish so many needed services in Hayes Township.

I would like this read at the appropriate meetings and a record of this email. I have not been attending meetings as my husband is very ill, but I'm still paying attention and being disgusted with our Townships reputation.

Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 1:42 PM

To: Shelly VanWart <taxladybayshore@gmail.com>

: Kristin Baranski Clerk <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov

Shelly,

We received your email. You mention "improvements" we are making to Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull that you consider 'out of line'. What specifically are you referring to?

Lake Charlevoix is available for guests to swim at their leisure. Eastern Avenue Beach is a sandy swim beach also off of Lake Charlevoix (that also has several picnic tables) that is an alternative option for guests to enjoy. We are, as you mentioned, working toward a playground at Camp Sea Gull, which we think will be a great amenity for our younger guests.

You had attended a Parks and Recreation meeting and shared your views with our committee last fall. We all felt our conversation was calm and reasonable and quite lovely. Our committee members worked to clear up misinformation that had been shared with you, and we were very forthcoming with our plans. I understand that time has passed and some details may have escaped your memory, but I do feel it is very important to clarify an erroneous detail you have mentioned in several communications.

We submitted a SPARKS grant request for \$326,000.00 for Pickle Ball courts and picnic area in the park. This submission included all the bells and whistles of the absolute highest priced plan we had available for this project. The committee had no intention of ever spending that amount on the courts without that specific grant. Unfortunately, we were not awarded this grant. Plan B for the project is fundraising. We will be fundraising to raise money for this park project, which should come in around \$130-150K. Even though I don't personally play Pickle Ball, there are many people in our community who enjoy this booming sport and are excited about the prospect of having this in our park.

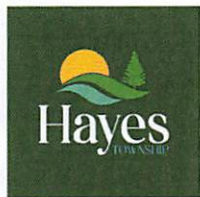
I hope this helps dispel any false information you may have been given. If you have suggestions for services that are needed in Hayes Township, we would love to hear them. Our Board's number one priority is our community, and we will continue to work hard to serve our residents. We are sorry to hear that your husband is ill, and send our support to you in this difficult time.

Best Regards

Julie Collard

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Julie Collard--Hayes Township Treasurer

You've got to love what you to do really make things happen.-John Green