

HAYES TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
October 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 7:00 PM  
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL  
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD  
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720  
ZOOM 849 2451 3210

The October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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: Kathy Simon, Greg Stauffer, CT Martin, Andy Balderson, David Zipp, Betty Henne, Carey Cuddeback, Ellis Boal, LuAnne Kozma, Deb Narten, Leslie Cunningham, Kevin Willis, Janet Simon, Sherry McCary, Connie Foster, Mark Snyder, David Kemme, Jesse Silva, Laura Ford, Tim Boyko, Susan Pyke, Joan Wagner, Linda Balderson, Brigitte Fowler, Bob Fowler, Nancy LaCoix, John Hogan, Melvin Czechowski, Roy Griffiths, and Sharon Bagley.

**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 presented.

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

Nays: None                      Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comment opened and closed at 7:01.

- Stated they have received many mailings from candidates and requested to see the zoning permit issued to the Laws for the Boat House.
- Stated they thank the park host for placing the park bench they pledged for placed in the spot they always enjoy sitting.
- Stated the believe the boat house permit was illegal. Referenced a ZBA interpretation case.

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- Disappointed when they FOIA requested correspondences between Rieth Riley and Hayes Township they only received one letter.( Read letter). Disappointed it took so long for the fence letter to be sent to Rieth Riley.
  - EMS director gave back story to the LCEMS resolution on agenda. They went from 3 calls a day to 7 call a day, 2 new EMS Vehicles are on their way.
  - Stated they appreciated the report on the EMS services. Agreed with Ron the Zoning Permit for the Boathouse was not illegal. Believe the township should have wrote the Rieth Riley letter before the court hearing.
- Closed at 7:23.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9TH 2024 MEETING MINUTES:**

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Trustees 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 \$58,646.34.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to approve Township warrants out of the General Fund in the amount of \$58,646.34 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 Ms. Collard 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**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Bob Jess was not present.

**PARKS AND REC. REPORT**

The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Hayes Township Hall. Julie requested the Board or Trustees to contact the attorney on behalf of the Parks and Rec Committee regarding Harassment by a resident to visitors at Eastern Avenue Beach. Mr. Vanzee with support of the board will contact the Township's Attorney.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is October 15th, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Doug Kuebler presented a ZBA report from the Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 Variance Request meeting. The Variance Request from Little Traverse Bay Conservancy was approved.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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

**TRUSTEES:**

Mr. Cunningham stated due to illness the buoy removal has been delayed.  
Mr. Kuebler stated Maple Grove Road work from Upper Bay Shore to Major Douglas Sloan is complete.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Ron VanZee presented a supervisor report.  
He is sadden to report that Larry Levengood passed away. Larry Levengood has served the community for decades.

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**HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK HOST RECAP:**

Mr. Stauffer stated they want to thank the board for having them host again this year. The bench project and donations was a nice addition to the park. Boyne Thunder and 4<sup>th</sup> of July were busy weekends. As host they are always willing to move stuff to accommodate residents and visitors to the park. Are in charge of maintaining all the park equipment and would like to see more people at the Township Hosted events at the park next summer.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to welcome the Stauffers to come back as the 2025 Hayes Township Park Host.

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

Nays: None                      **Motion Carried**

**LCEMS RESOLUTION**

LCEMS Resolution amends current resolution to add Eveline Township to authority.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to adopt the LCEMS Resolution #10142024.

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

Nays: None                      Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments opened at 7:50 pm.

Comments included:

- Stated they live on Eastern Avenue and after receiving multiple candidate mail would like to know when the Treasurer is required to be in the office to collect tax payments and what accounting information is the Clerk not being transparent about.
- Stated the Boathouse Zoning Permit presented earlier has expired. Referenced a court case they were involved in. They still believe the issue of the boathouse permit at the time was illegal.
- Requested an explanation why the consent judgment can override the Zoning Ordinance.
- Glad to see everyone here tonight and would like to see everyone voting.
- Stated they came tonight to see how ugly people were going to get tonight and would like to see people stop being up old issues and be united again.

Public comments closed at 7:59p.m.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:**

Ms. Collard stated the clerk was always transparent about the finances of the township. The Hayes Township Quick books is not a public record. The Treasurer stated under Public Act 129 of 2019, a designee for the township treasurer can also act on his or her behalf for tax collection purposes. She designated the clerk and supervisor to collect taxes this year because it fell on a Monday during office hours when the Clerk and Supervisor are in the office.

Mr. VanZee stated the first application submitted to Hayes Township included a Boat Basin and it was sent back with denial. The Laws submitted a second application for just the boat house.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to adjourn at 8:05p.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