

Hayes Township Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

November 25, 2024
Hayes Township Hall
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 880 0164 0434

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7:00 pm

Call To Order

Public Comments

Discussion of defense of litigation File No 2024-0740-28-CZ (William Conklin v Hayes Township) with Township Attorney (Todd Millar)

Adjournment



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 Comment for the Hayes Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting 11/25/2024

1 message

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Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 3:55 PM

To: supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov, treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov, clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov, trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov, hayestrustee5@gmail.com

To the Hayes Township Board of Trustees:

I am urging the Board to vote today to rescind the resolution adopted on November 11, 2024, changing the terms of the planning commissioners.

I'm not in the legal profession, so I can't say if this action was illegal, but I've read Bill's lawsuit, and it sounded very strong and correct to me. Regardless of the legality, I think this action was unethical. We all know this year's supervisor race was primarily based on the difference in philosophy of environmental protection between Ron and Bill, as it is implemented by the zoning ordinance, which in turn is drafted by the planning commissioners. Bill won overwhelmingly, indicating the voters of Hayes Township would like him and his philosophy to prevail on the planning commission. In addition, it would be a total waste of taxpayer's money, and go against the wishes of the majority of voters, to defend against this lawsuit. Hayes Township has a very strong zoning ordinance that protects the environment, including our shorelines. I say "our" because property owners are not the only ones affected by development. All of us in the Charlevoix area benefit from high water quality whether or not we live in the township or own lakefront property. The north shore of Lake Charlevoix used to be prized for its natural beauty, but now it is increasingly being developed, as is much of the rest of the lake. Surveys shows most of the Lake Charlevoix shoreline is not in its optimum natural state. Similarly, changes to lot sizes and other changes in the interior of the township would ruin the natural beauty we all enjoy. Instead of weakening the zoning ordinance, it should remain the gold standard or even be strengthened, and the newly elected supervisor needs to appoint planning commissioners as their previous terms expire. Thank you.

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 Message for tomorrow's special meeting

2 messages

tim boyko <tim@timboyko.com>

Sun, Nov 24, 2024 at 1:24 PM

To: Bill Conklin <supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov>, clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Doug Kuebler <hayestrustee5@gmail.com>, Matt Cunningham <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Dear Board of Trustees,

Tomorrow night I ask the BoT to act as statesmen and not politicians. The former decide based on what is fair and just; the latter on what they can get away with.

Bill Conklin was right in bringing a lawsuit to halt the action taken at the November Board of Trustees meeting. He campaigned on a vision of planning that was different then the direction that the former Supervisor/Zoning Administrator has taken in the last eight years.

The most egregious action of this resolution is extending the Chair's remaining term from 5 months to 2 years 7 months. The Chair has been most closely aligned, and has promoted, the planning philosophy of the former Supervisor/Zoning Administrator.

It was clear that the Chair and Supervisor were on a path to weaken the Zoning Ordinance to allow removing the shoreline protection strip. This change would allow a favored benefactor his inland boat harbor. This benefactor donated thousands of dollars to re-elect the Supervisor/Zoning Administrator therefore tainting him and his appointees in any decision dealing with our highly regarded shoreline protection ordinance.

It is the new Supervisor's right and duty to populate the planning commission as he sees fit, with an eye not only to diversify (which is lacking) but with members that are not aligned with the former Supervisor's philosophy.

The electors clearly voted for a new direction for our Township and allowing a lame duck politician to undermine that 9 days before leaving office is not fair or just.

I suggest at the earliest opportunity the Board moves and passes a motion to rescind the offending resolution of November 11, 2024.

Respectfully,

Tim Boyko

11/25/24, 7:43 PM

Gmail - Message for tomorrow's special meeting

Bill Henne <wm.henne@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 24, 2024 at 2:25 PM

To: tim boyko <tim@timboyko.com>

Cc: Bill Conklin <supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov>, clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Doug Kuebler <hayestrustee5@gmail.com>, Matt Cunningham <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Perfect, Tim!

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HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Date: November 25th, 2024

Location: Hayes Township Hall

Name	Would you like to be called on to speak during public comment?	
Steve Crandell	YES	<u>NO</u>
Regina Crandell	YES	<u>NO</u>
DAN BERG	YES	<u>NO</u>
deby	YES ???	NO
Kathy Martindale	YES ?	NO
Vic Martindale	YES	NO
SCOTT CITRICH	<u>YES</u> 2	NO
Kyra Allen	YES	<u>NO</u>
Ray Cunningham	YES	<u>NO</u>
Jen Cunningham	YES	<u>NO</u>
Catherine Phelps	YES	<u>NO</u>
Dana Phelps	YES	<u>NO</u>
LuAnne Kozma	<u>YES</u>	NO
DEB NARTEN	YES	NO
Diane Conklin	YES	<u>NO</u>
Ells Neal	<u>YES</u>	NO
Lisa Kuebler	YES maybe	NO
Shelly VanLeant	YES maybe	NO
KEVIN WILLIS	<u>YES</u>	NO
Daniel the McMahon	YES	<u>NO</u>
Jim McMAHON	<u>YES</u>	

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