

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
May 12TH, 2025 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
ZOOM 849 2451 3210

The May 12th, 2025, meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor William Conklin at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were Matt Cunningham (Trustee), Julie Collard (Treasurer), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary), William Conklin (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk).

Audience Members signed in: Ed Bajos, Diane Conklin, David Zipp, Diane McMahon, Jim McMahon, Kathy Simon, Roy Griffiths, Ellis Boal, LuAnne Kozma, Bill Henne, Betty Henne, Leslie Cunningham, Debbie Luhrs, Tim Boyko, Chris Narten, Dee Hutchinson, Deb Narten, Steve Hassell, Carey Cuddeback, Bob Jess, CT Martin, Melvin Czechowski, Bob Muneio, Bob Grupp, and Craig Williams.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor William Conklin 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 adjourn the meeting no later than 9:30 pm.

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

Nays: William Conklin Motion Carried

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

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Doug Kuebler, William Conklin, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment opened and closed at 7:07.

Public comments included:

- Stated the last meeting was very contentious, would like to see more kindness.
- Stated Bill Conklin and a crew came through last week and cleared some debris and today a different crew came through cleaning and would like to thank the members for there help.

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- Appreciates all the help with storm clean up. Requested information regarding an item on the Zoning Administrator report. Stated they feel the proposal from BRI should not be approved.
- Appreciates all the clean up efforts after the ice storm.
- Stated they would like to board to address the concerns brought up by the public.
- Requested clarification on Bill Conklins voice article stating the board did not approve clean up, however now there seems to be a contracted company cleaning up debris. Would like to know if there is a signed contract, and proof of insurance from the contractor. Would like to know if the contractor owes Bill any money personally.
- Stated they are concerned the board is considering another bid from BRI, after disregarding the last ordinance BRI presented to the board. They do not have much faith in BRI after the amount of money spent on a draft that went unused.
- Appreciates all the effort for the ice storm clean up, however would have liked to see better communication from the board to let people know the clean up options.
- The board responded they were still finalizing the specific information in order to send out a mailer to notify people.
- Concerned the Planning and Zoning in Hayes Township is not going well. Feels the Zoning Ordinance is written fine, and feels BRI is the issue. Would like the board to do some more research before approving.
- Requested information regarding an item on the Zoning Administrator Report.

Closed at 7:25

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14TH 2025 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve the April 14th, 2025, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2025 BOT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the May 2nd, 2025, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Collard presented a written report reporting all Hayes Township account balances.

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to adopt the 24-25 Budget as amended. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Clerk, Ms. Baranski, presented the warrants in the amount of \$48,476.15.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$48,476.15. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Bob Jess presented an oral County Commissioners Report.

BECKETT & RAEDER (BRI) PROPOSAL- REVIEW AND REVISION OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE:

Ms. Baranski stated the committee would include two Planning Commission and a BRI representative. The workshops would be open to the public.

Mr. Cunningham as a member of the Planning Commission stated he believes the township needs to move forward with this process.

Mr. Conklin requested if board members feel they need to look at other planners before approving BRI's proposal.

Ms. Baranski stated BRI is a very respectable company.

Mr. Conklin requested the chair of the Planning Commission his thoughts of the revision process.

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Mr. Griffiths stated the ordinance draft BRI currently has is the product created from the process of working with BRI, it is unfortunate BRI has delayed their work on the ordinance draft. The Green Pit and Mining in the last year has delayed the Master Plan revision, however they are getting close to finalizing the Master Plan update and he does not believe there will be any significant changes that will affect the Zoning Ordinance updates.

- Mr. Conklin stated tabling this discussion for more research would delay the process yet again. Asked if the Zoning Ordinance revision has been budgeted for.

- Ms. Baranski stated there is sufficient funds budgeted for the Zoning Ordinance revision which will be carried over to the next fiscal year budget as well.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the BRI proposal for the review and revision of the Planning Commission's proposed Zoning Ordinance in the amount of \$16,500.

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

Nays: William Conklin Motion Carried

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (BURNETT RD):

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the Tri-County Excavating bid from the Charlevoix County Road Commission for Burnett Road in the amount of \$450,641.70, contingent on the road commission allowing for partial payment in January of 2026.

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

Nays: Motion Carried

HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK DRAINAGE BIDS:

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to table this discussion until the board finalizes the new fiscal budget.

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

Nays: William Conklin Motion Carried

ICE STORM CLEAN-UP:

Mr. Conklin presented the contract with W&W tree service with Todd Millars recommended changes.

Mr. Conklin stated the contractor has started however residents can continue to place debris on the road side until May 19th 2025 and the debris will still be picked up even if the

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contractor as already come through once, however, after this date the contractor will not circle back to areas they already cleared.

Resident requested what they should do if they do not have enough road frontage to fit all the debris.

Mr. Conklin stated they should reach out to himself or the contractor to coordinate pickup. Mr. Conklin stated himself and volunteers are still offering to help residents move and clean-up debris.

Mr. Conklin stated W&W tree service will clean – up the storm debris at Bay Side Park.

Mr. Conklin presented letters and all the supporting contract information.

Ms. Collard stated she would have liked to receive this information from Bill sooner then the meeting in order to send the mailer out. At this point the mailer will not be going out until May 16th, 2025, which does not give residents very much time to move their debris.

W&W Tree Service stated the contract is written for May 19th, 2025, however, if the board would like to postpone the contract start date to the 28th of May they will go back to areas they need to clean-up. Would like to remind resident to place the debris with the butt end facing the road. Requested the board needs to find a place to put the wood that is over 15 inches in diameter.

The Board will research a place for W&W Tree service to take the larger debris.

The Board changed the Start date in article 6 of the contract to May 28th 2025, and excluded article 3 of the contract regarding date of completion.

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve the contract as amended with supporting documents from W&W Tree Service.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

Julie Collard presented an oral Parks and Rec report. Next Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled for June 2nd 2025 at 4:30pm at Hayes Township Park.

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve the Park and Rec to apply for a raffle license for Hayes Township.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is May 20th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ZBA did not meet.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

April Hilton presented a Zoning Administrator report.
Report available at the Hayes Township Hall.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Cunningham stated the Skid Pier has been installed, however there will be some repair and redesign needed.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve Ray Cunningham to install the Swim Buoys at Eastern Avenue Beach for \$500.00.

Yeas: Julie Collard, William Conklin, Doug Kuebler and Kristin Baranski.

Abstained: Matt Cunningham

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

The board came to a consensus to test out a new free text messaging system for residents.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 9:34pm.

Comments included:

- Stated they would like to clarify if the board is allowed to legally roll budget items over to the next fiscal year? Concerned how the board amended the budget at tonight's meeting. Budget report is very difficult for them to read and understand, suggest the board find a new budget report. Stated they do not find there to be any inconsistencies within the current Master plan and Zoning Ordinance.
- Stated they find the township robbing Peter to pay Paul at every meeting when they address the budget. Concerned of the increase in expenses of the township and is concerned it will lead to a mileage request to cover operating cost for the township.

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Would like to see the township cut down on spending and make sure all money being spent is helping all township residents. They are concerned the recent approval for storm clean up will not benefit all residents, due to many residents already having their debris cleaned up.

Public comments closed at 9:46 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to adjourn at 9:46p.m.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

April Hilton
Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

JOURNAL ENTRY
JE: 0000000162

Post Date: 05/14/2025
Entry Date: 05/14/2025
Description:

Entered By: KBARANSKI
Journal: BA

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101-702-850.000	TELEPHONE	0.00	200.00
101-751-920.000	ELECTRIC/INTERNET	0.00	300.00
101-751-930.001	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-HTP/CSG	0.00	3,000.00
101-101-730.000	POSTAGE & POSTAGE METER	0.00	1,000.00
101-101-805.000	LEGAL SERVICES	0.00	4,000.00
101-101-960.000	EDUCATION/SERVICES	0.00	500.00
Journal Total:		9,000.00	9,000.00

APPROVED BY: 



Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Clarification of Facts

<gonavy58@yahoo.com>

Mon, May 12 at 12:48 PM

To: <hayestrustee5@gmail.com>, <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Hayes Treasurer
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<supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>
Cc: Rick Golding <gonavy58@yahoo.com>

To all addressees

I would like to clarify a matter that I have discussed with Bill Conklin regarding my volunteering to assist the township by writing an Emergency Management Plan. I have, on no less than three occasions explained that contrary to what Bill says, I have not volunteered to chair the Emergency Assistance Committee as stated in the May 2025 issue of the Hayes Township Voice. I clarified this at the special township meeting held on Tuesday April 8th when Bill told everyone present that I was chairing this committee and I had to set the record straight.

My frustration in failing to have my voice heard by the township supervisor has led me to completely withdraw my support for this very important project.

When the May issue of the Voice arrived and I saw that once again Bill has said that I am chairing the committee, I immediately contacted him and told him that I will no longer participate in anything to do with the township other than being a resident as long as he is the supervisor.

Rick Golding

8167 Shrigley Rd.



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May 05, 2024

Dear Hayes Township Board and all interested residents,

I am writing to you in regards to the encroachment and use of my property at 10205 Maple Grove Rd. by my neighbors Sarah and Marshall Jones. I have been forced to retain an attorney due to their refusal to move the remainder of their fence that is still on my property.

I am 67 years old and disabled, on a very limited income. Paying an attorney was not something I wanted to do but I also cannot afford to allow them to steal my property.

This whole story began in spring 2024 when I had to stop my mower 13 times to pick up golf balls they were hitting onto my property. I simply asked Sarah Jones if her kids were doing it. At first, she denied everything. Then she admitted her kids were doing it. By the end of that conversation, she admitted they were all doing and accused me of damaging her fence with my mower. I did not and the damage was on the top of her fence, my mower does not fly. I found more during the summer. In a later conversation she told me the people across the road were doing it which was totally untrue.

This is when I found out by looking at the Hayes Township Ordinance that her front fence (which is what she accused me of damaging) had to be five feet back from her front property line. I contacted Mr. VanZee but before he would do anything I had to go to the county web site and look up all the information and parcel numbers for both properties which I still feel should be apart of the zoning administrator's job. Exactly what are the zoning administrator and his deputy paid to do?

Sarah Jones tried to fight this and had her own survey done, apparently, she did not believe the permanent survey markers that are there. After her survey was done they moved their front fence five feet back. They also moved their fence that was 3.5 feet onto my property inside the property line. When they got up near my pole barn towards the front property line, they pulled on of their fence stakes in at an angel and did not remove the remainder in like they did the other part of their fence, I believe they did this for spite. Two of their wooden posts are 100% percent on my property along with some of the metal posts and fencing.

I asked Mr. VanZee to come here and see for himself the parts that are still on my property but he refused.

So, it seems that Hayes Township has no problem with people trespassing and using their neighbor's property without permission, even constructing a fence to keep the person who owns the property from be able to use ALL of their property.

As a result, I may begin letting others know that in Hayes Township it is permissible to construct a fence and take possession of your neighbors' property. Most townships have set back requirements for constructing anything at, on or over a property line. It is my wish that all of you someday face the same problem with a neighbor. Maybe then the Hayes Township board will decide to address the issue.

Sincerely,



Shelley Dorgan

10205 Maple Grove Rd

Charlevoix, MI 49720