

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
June 9th, 2025 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
ZOOM 849 2451 3210

The June 9th, 2025, meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor William Conklin at 8:28 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: Tim Boyko, CT Martin, Leslie Cunningham, Carey Cuddeback, Jerry Mills, Mary Mills, Grant Olsen, Julie VanZee, Luke VanZee, Jack VanZee, Kara VanZee, LuAnne Kozma, Ellis Boal, Roy Griffiths, Katherine Simon, David Zipp, and Bruce Anderson.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor William Conklin called the meeting to order at 8:28 pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE.

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Remove item #9

Add 6A. Treasurer Report.

Add 9A Set July Board of Review Dates.

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:

Public comment opened and closed at 8:31.

- Stated they are surprised the fire protection is not on the resident tax bills.
- Questioned if the budget hearing was posted correctly, stated they saw more additions than subtractions in the budget. Suggest the board focus on needs not wants within the township. Feel the people that work at the township should do it out of the kindness of their heart not for a paycheck.

Closed at 8:35

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APPROVAL OF MAY 12TH 2025 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the May 12th, 2025, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as amended.

Yeas: Julie Collard, William Conklin, 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 \$45,488.80.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham, to approve Township warrants out of the General Fund in the amount of \$45,488.80. 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 was not present.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

Ms. Collard presented the Parks and Rec. report.

Community picnic scheduled for August 2nd 2025 at the Hayes Township Park. This years picnic will include an Arts and Kraft fair, silent auction, living music and food.

RESOLUTION 06092025B

Artisan Vendor Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Hayes Township TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE DAY

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VENDOR TABLE SET UP AGREEMENT WITH Local Art & Craft Artisans FOR sale of their crafts

WHEREAS, Hayes Township Park and Recreation Committee is seeking to procure local artisans to reserve tables at the annual Community Picnic ; and

WHEREAS, each artisan will submit basic information to set up and sell their goods during the August 2nd , 2025, Community Picnic at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to contract with local artisans for these services/goods for one specific event; and

WHEREAS, there is no funding necessary from Hayes Township for this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that this resolution has been

ADOPTED at a meeting of the June 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting of Hayes Township held on June 9, 2025.

Ms. Collard made a motion supported by Mr. Conklin to approve resolution #06092025.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is July 7th, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is June 17th, 2025, 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. Cunningham stated the swim buoys have been installed and he has received several brush clean up complaints.

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SUPERVISOR REPORT:

William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

Mr. Kuebler corrected Bill's Statement the Fire truck is not kept in the EMS building it is kept in the Hayes Township Fire Barn.

SET JULY BOARD OF REVIEW DATE:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to set the July Board of Review date for Tuesday July 22nd 2025 at 11:30 am until business concludes.

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

Nays: **Motion Carried**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BURNETT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve the Tri-County Excavating bid from the Charlevoix County Road Commission for Burnett Road in the amount of \$450,641.70, with the road commission allowing for partial payment by December 31st 2024. a roll call was taken.

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

Nays: **Motion Carried**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Clerk Baranski presented the Charelvoux County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Board members will review the information and discuss it with Sienna Wenz at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting.

HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK CAMP SEAGULL DRAINAGE BIDS AND CONTRACT:

Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Conklin to postpone this discuss until the special budget meeting on June 23rd 2025.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT:

Mr. Conklin reported the proposed Fire Protection Contract is not available yet. He will email the contact to each Board member as soon as he receives it from the Charelvoux Township Supervisor.

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Mr. Conklin is going to discuss the definition of maintenance with Dan Thorpe and compare cost/invoices of the maintenance of their current trucks. Mr. Baranski suggested Mr. Conklin send the contract the Todd Millar for review.

The Board will discuss this at the June 23rd 2025 Budget meeting.

2025 CURBSIDE ICE STORM DEBRIS CLEAN-UP UPDATE:

Mr. Conklin stated the contractor started on the North East corner of the township and stated a number of people after receiving the ice storm clean up notice they added more than just storm damage for clean up. Suggested the he may need to request more funds from the Community foundation to cover the extra cost of the extra debris.

Mr. Cunningham stated the contractor was made aware of the amount of debris that should be expected especially due to the amount of debris not being on the road side at the time of the bid proposed.

Mr. Conklin requested an additional funds to compensate for the unexpected amount of debris.

The board members came to a consensus the contractor was taken around the township by Mr. Conklin and should have understood the extent of the job when they discussed it with the contractor at the meeting before he submitted his bid.

Mr. Conklin stated he was naive when he brought the storm clean-up to the board and should have listened to the board members who have been on the board longer.

Mr. Conklin stated the contractor is making his way around the township and everything will be covered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 9:27 pm.

Comments included:

- Stated they believe a stop work order should be submitted to the applicant for Pickle ball Storage LLC located on Pincherry Road. Hopefully the ZBA will be hearing the appeal case soon.
- Stated they believe the ZBA issues the stop work order and act on the appeals case.
- Stated they would like a copy of the Lawsuit Hayes Township just went through with Mr. Conklin. Concerned with legal fees spent on the lawsuit and feel that Mr. Conklin should refund the township tax payers their money.
- Suggested the Township should consider a way to put in place a mileage to help the township funds.

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- Requested clarification for the Storm Clean-up, he moved debris to the road for a client and now is being told by W&W Tree Service he will not remove the bill because the pile is too big. Would like to see the township resolve and clarify the contract with W&W Tree Service.
 - Mr. Conklin will discuss this issue with the contractor.
- Public comments closed at 9:41 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to adjourn at 9:42p.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



June 2, 2025

Dear Neighbor,

Little Traverse Conservancy
3264 Powell Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740-9469
Phone: 231.347.0991
Email: lrc@landtrust.org
Web: www.landtrust.org

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As a neighbor to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Undine Nature Preserve, we would like to inform you that there will be logging activity occurring soon.

As a result of the recent ice storm, many of the red pine trees at the preserve are badly damaged and will not recover. Additionally, some of the red pines are leaning and likely to blow over, leading to more damage. In order to responsibly steward this red pine plantation, loggers will remove the trees that are unlikely to survive or likely to blow over in strong winds. Unlike deciduous trees, pines and conifers do not resprout and recover from damage like this storm caused. If we leave the plantation alone, the trees will die, leaving behind large amounts of standing dead wood. This becomes a breeding ground for insect pests like the pine bark beetle, which reproduces in the dead and dying wood. Because of the volume of ice-damaged pines, the beetle population may grow high enough that they could harm otherwise healthy trees, and impact the overall forest health.

While this harvest can be visually dramatic, our management plan is to develop this property into a mature, northern hardwood forest. In consultation with our forester, Little Traverse Conservancy has decided that harvesting the pines is the appropriate step we can take towards achieving that plan after recent storm damage. Little oak seedlings are ready to take off and we'll monitor the site to see if planting additional native tree seedlings will be necessary and beneficial. If you have any questions or concerns about this harvest, please contact us at 231-347-0991.

Sincerely,

Derek Shiels
Director of Stewardship

Amy Lipson
Conservation Specialist

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*****NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT*****

REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
RENEWABLE ENERGY FILED BY GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE
CASE NO. U-16593

- On February 27, 2025, an Application for Approval of Renewable Energy Plan was filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) to fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended by Public Act 235 of 2023.
- Any interested person may review the Application at the Michigan offices of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, 1323 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, MI 49712 or at the office of the Commission's Executive Secretary, 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the Commission's website at: <https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/>.
- Any person wishing to file a public comment may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. U-16593. Statements may be emailed to: mpscdockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.
- All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Executive Secretary at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

COMMENTS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON JULY 15, 2025.



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Jones Fence

1 message

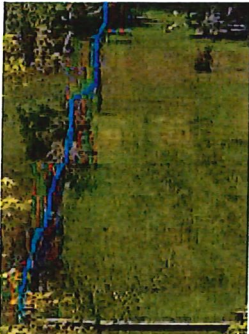
Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Sat, May 31, 2025 at 12:08 PM

To: Bill Conklin <supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Cc: Ron VanZee <zoning@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Matt Cunningham <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Doug Kuebler <hayestrustee5@gmail.com>, Kristin Baranski <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Julie Collard <treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov>

As a result of the fence being on/over the property line, and stakes that were placed by the Jones surveyors at a sharp angle on my side of their fence I can no longer mow or maintain that side of my property. I will not risk her accusing me of damaging her fence again.

3 attachments**Jones fence crooked highlighted.jpg**
707K**Jones fence from road 5-30-25.jpg**
4744K**Sharp angle of survey marker pushing fence in at bottom.jpg**
5538K



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Jones fence

1 message

Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 8:16 PM

To: Bill Conklin <supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov>

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To all Hayes Township Officials,

As a result of Hayes Township allowing them to put a fence on the property line the township has taken away ALL my rights to that property line even though I have been here longer than they have. They even moved a survey marker that their survey people placed at a sharp angle on my side of their fence which was pushing in on their fence at the bottom and protruding out over my property. Their fence is through the center of some of my trees including a pink honeysuckle and white honeysuckle which were there before the Jones family installed their fence. I expect they will someday try to get me to pay for damages these trees will cause to their fence as they grow. When this happens I will bring a lawsuit against the township for allowing this to happen and not protecting my property rights,

As I stated before in a previous email I will NOT be able to maintain my side of the property where their fence is, I will NOT risk her accusing me again of damaging their fence. When she accused me before of damaging her fence she said I did with my mower. I have never touched their fence while mowing but I went to look for damage. The only damage was at the top of their fence. I told her my mower doesn't fly.

In her email to my attorney (attached) she stated the company she had previously told my attorney they were going to hire to move and straighten fencing refused to do the job. That is NOT true. She refused to pay them. I talked to them myself.

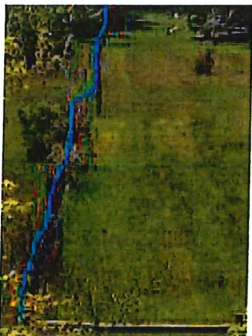
Allowing fences on property lines robs adjoining property owners of their rights to their property. If they ever come onto my property in the future to do work on their fence I will take action.

This has already cost me \$600.00 just to have them only move the two six inch posts that were completely on my property as I received no help from the township regarding them using my property.

Think about it, each of you may someday have a new neighbor who uses the ordinance to encroach onto your property and you will have to allow them to do so.

Sincerely,

Shelley Dorgan
10205 Maple Grove Rd
Charlevoix, MI

5 attachments

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Jones fence from road 5-30-25.jpg
4744K



Jones survey stake on my side of their fence and protruding over my property moved.jpg
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Fencing

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This is my recent Facebook post, I have also posted this on X (Twitter). I've only just begun.

**Shelley Easton Dorgan**

17 hours ago · 🌐

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If you live in Hayes Township Charlevoix Michigan and would like more land all you have to do is put up a structure, such as a fence over the property line. Township officials will do nothing to help the person who's property you place your structure on. It seems they actually support such actions.



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