

AGENDA
HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 11, 2025 7:00pm

Hayes Township Hall

9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. Review and Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2025 BOT Regular Meeting and June 30, 2025 Special Meeting
7. Treasurers Report
8. Clerks Report: Approval of Warrants
9. Reports: County Commissioner, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation, Trustee's, and Supervisor Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

9. FEMA Grant Resolution 08112025B
10. Bank Account Resolution 08112025A
11. Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement
12. Resolution to the County Board of Commissioners speed limit reduction
(Major Douglas Sloan, Shrigley, Townline)
13. Correspondence Deadline
14. VOICE newsletter discussion
15. Designated Swim area/buoys for Hayes Township Park/Camp Seagull
16. Shelley Dorgan Letter dated 6/19/2025
17. Public Comment
18. Board of Trustee Comment

ADJOURN MEETING

Public Comment at Meetings of the Hayes Township Board of Trustees

The Hayes Township Board of Trustees values public input and offers two opportunities for the public to comment at its meetings, once near the beginning and once near the end. This affords the Board of Trustees the opportunity to hear your views and remarks. If you speak, you should not expect to engage the Board of Trustee members or any staff in discussion or debate.

Board of Trustee members will not respond to comments made during the Public Comment unless it becomes necessary to ask a clarifying questions, correct a factual error, or to provide specific factual information.

Questions about Township matters are best directed to individual Board members or Township staff (Planner, Zoning Administrator, or Assessor) between meetings. Contact information is available on the township website at: hayestownshipmi.gov.

The availability of public comment is recognized by the Michigan Open Meetings Act. The Act provides that rules may be adopted for orderly comment from the public. To that end, the following rules have been established by the Board of Trustees:

1. A person wishing to speak will indicate on the sign in sheet that they would like to be called on at Public Comment. All persons in attendance in person will be called on first. Zoom attendees can indicate they would like to speak by raising their hand icon.
2. The person will begin by stating their name, spelling it out if requested.
3. The person addresses the Chairperson, or other person chairing the meeting, on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees. Public comment is NOT to be addressed to individual Board of Trustee members, to any township staff present, or to other members of the audience.
4. There is a three (3) minute time allotment for each speaker. The time limit may be extended by the Chairperson or majority of the Board of Trustee members present. A speaker may speak only once at each Public Comment. There is no provision for another audience member to 'donate' their three (3) minutes to another speaker.
5. A speaker will be out of order if the speaker disrupts the meeting, speaks longer than the allotted time, uses vulgarities or makes a personal attack on a Board of Trustee member or Township employee that is unrelated to the performance of that person's duties.
6. If a speaker is called out of order, that speaker will not be able to speak again at the same meeting except by special leave of the Board of Trustees
7. The Chairperson, or other person chairing the meeting, will have the discretion to permit members to speak at times other than the times reserved for Public Comment.

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The July 14th, 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), William Conklin (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk)
Audience Members signed in: David Zipp, LuAnne Kozma, Tammy Nalevayko, Roy Griffiths, Mark Snyder, Diane Conklin, Andy Balderson, Greta Mcvay, Kevin Willis, Carol Umlor, Jim McMahon, Diane McMahon, Leslie Cunningham, Deb Narten, Danielle Hutchinson, Kim Fary, Rex Greenslade, CT Martin, Todd Millar, Shelly Dorgan, Steve Hassell, Bob Fowler, Tim Boyko, Carey Cuddeback, Ellis Boal, Catherine Phelps, Janine Warner, Darcy Phelps, Sienna Wenz, David Kemme, Winnie Boal, Katherine Simon, Mel Czechowski, and Chris Cunningham.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor William Conklin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

NONE.

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Add item 6A. Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham 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 7:01.

- Correspondence attached. Concerned for the traffic speed limit on Townline road being too fast.
- Stated they would like clarification on two items found on the Zoning Administrator report regarding appeal applications. Feel the Zoning Administrator does not have the right to reject an application.
- Claimed to be legal representative for the Bay shore residents in the ZBA appeal.

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- Shared that they were recently driving down Boyne City Road near Susan Lake and there was a clean up crew with Bill Conklin as their traffic control person. Bill Conklin waved the resident through and almost caused a head on collision with another vehicle. Also, during the brush clean up, they feel their neighborhood on Birdland was specifically targeted and harassed during the brush clean up.

Closed at 7:13

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9TH 2025 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the June 9th, 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**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9TH 2025 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the June 9th, 2025, Budget Hearing minutes as amended.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 23RD 2025 BOT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the June 23rd, 2025, Board of Trustees special meeting minutes as amended.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to end any agenda discussions around 8:45pm to allow time for public/board comment, and adjourn tonight's Meeting around 9:00pm.

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

Nays: William Conklin **Motion Carried**

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

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66 Mr. Conklin made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to move items #7 and #8 til after item
67 #11.

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

69 Nays: None Motion Carried

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71 **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:**

72 Sienna Wenz, Charlevoix County Emergency Management Coordinator presented the
73 Charlevoix County's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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75 **RESOLUTION 07142025A**

76 Whereas, all jurisdictions within Charlevoix County have exposure to natural, technological
77 and human-induced hazards that may damage or destroy life, property, the environment, or
78 local economy; and

79 Whereas, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or
80 eliminate damages and impacts to life, property, the environment or local economy;

81 Whereas, The Disaster Mitigation Act (OMA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new
82 requirements for pre- and post- disaster mitigation programs; and

83 Whereas, the 2024 Charlevoix County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 Year Update has
84 been developed in accordance with the OMA of 2000 to reflect the concerns of the citizens
85 and stakeholders of Charlevoix County; and

86 Whereas, Hayes Township affirmed participation in the maintenance of the 2024 Charlevoix
87 County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and committed to participating in the update of the
88 Plan no less than once every 5 years; and

89 Whereas, the 2024 Charlevoix County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides a set of
90 actions to reduce risk from natural hazards through education and outreach programs,
91 establishes a foundation for coordination among agencies in Charlevoix County, identifies
92 future mitigation projects, and meets the qualifications for federal assistance programs in
93 order to be eligible for FEMA pre disaster and postdisaster mitigation grant funding;

94 Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

95 Hayes Township does hereby adopt the 2024 Charlevoix County Natural Hazard Mitigation
96 Plan 5 Year Update as an official plan of Hayes Township.

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98 Mr. Conklin made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to adopt resolution #07142025A.

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99 Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, William Conklin, Doug Kuebler and Kristin Baranski.
100 Nays: None Motion Carried

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103 **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:**

104 Mr. Conklin proposed the idea to create a committee of individuals who would like to
105 compile contact information to people within the township who will be willing to help
106 others during a crisis.

107 The board will research and speak with the local fire, ems, and police

108 Board members Julie Collard and Bill Conklin will meet with Janine Warner prior to the
109 August Board meeting to organize the details of the Emergency Assistance Committee.

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111 **CLOSED SESSION- TO CONSULT WITH TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY REGARDING TRIAL OR**
112 **SETTLEMENT STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING LITIGATION (CONKLIN VS HAYES**
113 **TOWNSHIP CASE NO, 24-0740-28-CZ):**

114 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the 4 board members go
115 into closed session to consult with township attorney Todd Millar, regarding trial or
116 settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation (Conklin VS Hayes Township Case
117 NO. 24-0740-28-CZ). A roll call was taken.

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

119 Nays: None Motion Carried

120 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the board come out of
121 closed session. A roll call was taken.

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

123 Nays: None Motion Carried

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125 **CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

126 Mr. Cunningham requested a brake down on the warrant invoice to Maner and Costerisan.

127 Ms. Baranski stated it was for time spent by Rod Taylor on the budget.

128 Mr. Conklin stated 11.9 hours was spent by Rod Taylor for corresponding with the Township
129 auditor and going into BS&A and preparing and working on the budget for Bill Conklin and
130 his Deputy Kayla Pennington.

131 Mr. Cunningham summarized the township paid Maner and Costerisan \$3,260, plus his
132 deputy Kayla to create Bill Conklins proposed budget draft.

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133 Clerk, Ms. Baranski, presented the warrants in the amount of \$35,661.32.

134 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to approve Township warrants out
135 of the General Fund in the amount of \$35,661.32. A roll call was taken.

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

137 Nays: Doug Kuebler **Motion Carried**

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139 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to pay half of the Charlevoix Township
140 Fire Contract in the amount of \$38,350.00 out of the ARPA fund. A roll call was taken.

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

142 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

143 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve payment to W&W Tree
144 Service in the amount of \$30,000, \$10,000 will be paid from the grant money received, and
145 \$20,000 from the General fund.

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

147 Sustained: William Conklin

148 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

154 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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156 Ms. Baranski presented an opportunity to purchase a warranty for the generator.

157 The Board members came to a consensus to not purchase a warranty plan for the generator.

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159 **COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

160 Bob Jess was not present.

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162 **PARKS AND REC. REPORT**

163 Ms. Collard presented the Parks and Rec. report.

164 The Township has a community picnic scheduled for August 2nd 2025 at the Hayes Township
165 Park/Camp Seagull.

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166 The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is August 4th, 2025 at the Hayes Township
167 Park/Camp Seagull.

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169 **PLANNING COMMISSION**

170 Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning
171 Commission meeting is July 15th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

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173 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

174 ZBA did not meet. A ZBA hearing is scheduled for July 23rd 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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176 **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

177 April Hilton presented a Zoning Administrator report.

178 Report available at the Hayes Township Hall.

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180 **TRUSTEES:**

181 Ms. Collard requested a financial report from Bill Conklin for all donations received by Bill
182 Conklin and his volunteers.

183 Mr. Collin stated he will present a financial report at the August board meeting.

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185 **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

186 William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

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188 **HAYES TOWNSHIP 2025 L-4029:**

189 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve Bill and Kristin to
190 sign and submit the Hayes Township 2025 L-4029 as presented.

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

192 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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194 **REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON TOWNLINE ROAD (BETWEEN US 31 AND PINCHERRY):**

195 Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve a letter to the Road
196 Commission requesting a speed test on Townline road to reduce speed to 25 mph from US-
197 31 to Pincherry Rd.

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

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199 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

200 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Conklin to approve a letter to the Road
201 Commission requesting a speed test on Major Douglas Sloan road to reduce speed to 45
202 mph from US-31 to Maple Grove Rd.

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

204 Nays: None **Motion Carried**

205 Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve a letter to the Road
206 Commission requesting a speed test for Shrigley road to reduce speed to 25 mph.

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

208 **Nays: None** **Motion Carried**

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210 **CEMETERY FEE SCHEDULE AND ORDINANCE:**

211 Tabled until August 2025 BOT

212 **VOICE NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION:**

213 Tabled until August 2025 BOT

214 **DESIGNATED SWIM AREA/BUOYS FOR HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK/CAMP SEAGULL:**

215 Tabled until August 2025 BOT.

216 **SHELLEY DORGAN LETTER DATED 6.19.2025:**

217 Tabled until August 2025 BOT

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219 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments opened at 8:51 pm.

220 Comments included:

- 221 - Stated they are concerned with the amount of money spent by Supervisor Bill
- 222 Conklin to prepare the Budget. Requested Bill Conklins' intention with continuing the
- 223 lawsuit. Resident feels the lawsuit is dividing the community.
- 224 - Stated there are leash laws, and feel a request to reduce speed due to a pet being hit
- 225 is unnecessary. Stated their neighbor has placed their fence on their property. Would
- 226 like the Ordinance to have setbacks for side yard fence lines. Stated they feel the
- 227 light ordinance needs to be enforced fairly.
- 228 - Stated the board needs to use the mics better. Stated the debris is not complete on
- 229 Dalton Road.
- 230 - Stated they find it unfortunate the Swim Buoys have been put off to the next
- 231 meeting. Has concerns for the Maner and Costerisan contract.

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- Requested clarification if the lawsuit is over or not. Stated they do not have faith in Judge Hayes knowing facts.
 - Stated how they understood the storm clean up contract was that residents on private roads must bring it out to the closest main road and Birdland is considered a private road. Suggested the Township request donations for swim buoys at the Hayes Township Park.
 - Stated they support swim buoys at the Hayes Township Park/Camp Seagull and hopes the board will make a decision on the swim buoys soon. Requested information regarding the cemetery drone and unmarked grave survey taken last year.
 - Ms. Baranski stated she will look into posting a link to the cemetery website on the Hayes Township website.
 - Ms. Collard stated the board did not get to this agenda item tonight, however the board is working with the DNR, Coast Guard and other local resources regarding the swim buoys.
 - Requested clarification of the brush clean up contract limitations.
 - Asked why the Zoning Administrator determining what cases the Zoning Board of Appeals hear.
- Public comments closed at 9:14 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

Ms. Collard stated there were not any limitations to the storm clean up contract, other than having to be out by the curb.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski, to adjourn at 9:15p.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

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Board members present were Matt Cunningham (Trustee), Julie Collard (Treasurer), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), , William Conklin (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk)

Also present: Todd Millar (Township Attorney) and April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary)

Audience Members signed in: Diane Conklin, Betty Henne, Carey Cuddeback, CT Martin, Darcy Phelps, Catherine Phelps, Tim Boyko, Kevin Willis, LuAnne Kozma, Ellis Boal, Carol Umlor, Kim Fary, Jim McMahon, Shelly VanWart, Mel Czechowski, and Diane McMahon.

CALL TO ORDER Supervisor William Conklin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Mr. Cunningham added item #3A BRI Zoning Ordinance Consultant/Board Contact.

Mr. Cunningham 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 7:03 pm.

- Resident stated they are the representative for the residents in the lawsuit on the agenda tonight. Objects to April Hilton being part of the executive session do to her being assistant zoning administrator. Presented the board with the affidavits they submitted to the courts today.
- Mr. Conklin requested if the offer to dismiss the court complaint if the Board agrees to have the ZBA review the appeal.
- Resident stated since they made that offer a couple weeks ago as a good faith offer, they have amended the court complaint and would have to speak with his clients before answering.
- Stated the board had an experience similar to this current lawsuit with the Law Boat House and LuAnne Kozma. Therefore they have lost confidence in the Zoning Administrator, especially because the Zoning Administrator listens to legal council opinion instead of listening to a resident.
- Stated they have a complaint about the website, under the ZBA section the language is not consistent with the Ordinance.

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34 Closed at 7:21 pm

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36 **BRI ZONING ORDINANCE CONSULTANT/BOARD CONTACT:**

37 Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to appoint Clerk Kristin Baranski
38 as the Board contact person for Beckett and Raeder for the Zoning Ordinance rewrite
39 project.

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

41 Recused: Kristin Baranski

42 Nays: None Motion Carried

43 **DISCUSSION OF CURRENT LITIGATION (KIM FARY, PAT FARY, DARCY PHELPS, CATHERINE**
44 **PHELPS, JOELLEN RUDOLPH, MIKE TAYLOR, SUMMER LAVANWAY, CAROL UMLOR, SHELLY**
45 **VANWART, KEVIN WILLIS V. HAYES TOWNSHIP (BOT MAY GO INTO CLOSED SEASON):**

46 Mr. Cunningham requested if any board members had a conflict of interest. NONE

47 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the board of trustee to go
48 into closed session.

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

50 Nays: None Motion Carried

51 Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the board of trustees
52 come out of closed session.

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

54 Nays: None Motion Carried

55 Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve Todd Millar defend the
56 lawsuit.

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

58 Nays: William Conklin Motion Carried

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60 **BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:**

61 Correspondence attached.

62 **ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler, to adjourn at
63 8:05p.m.

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

65 Nays: None Motion Carried

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Zoning Administrator Report

August 2025

Zoning Administrator work in progress report for the month of July includes the following:

- Variance application for 6995 Birdland Drive approved at ZBA meeting on July 23rd 2025 at 7:00 pm. Waiting for applicant to submit Site Plan for the Shoreland Protection strip from the Stream and Lake Charlevoix.
- Communicating with landowner regarding violation for a non permitted patio on Oyster Bay Drive. Sent Zoning permit application and section 3.14 of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance to landowner.
- Nuisance Ordinance Violation at 9985 Maple Grove Road has been resolved and is in compliance.
- Application for two new decks on an existing single family dwelling on Mulberry Lane. Waiting for additional information from landowner.
- Zoning permit application for a Demo and rebuild of existing home on Quarterline road. Shoreline Review Committee conducted inspection and advised applicant to work with Tip of the Mitt to create shoreland restoration plan.
- Continuing to see progress from landowner for non-compliance nuisance complaint with landowner on Hyek Road. Seeking to purchase property in Boyne City.
- Inspected and trying to contact landowner, last communication with landowner stated he was not well on Villa Road for Violation of Nuisance Ordinance and a non-compliance complaint.
- Spoke with landowner with storage units US 31, to relocate their signs.
- Working with equalization to complete the Zoning Map updates.
- Sent an informational letter to Rick Lobenherz and DeWitt Marine after Planning Commission moved to change to provisions of their special use permit. Requested 45 days to re-submit.
- Received a Zoning permit application for a new single family dwelling in replacement of an existing razed single family dwelling.



- Application for a new single family dwelling unit on Murray Road. Waiting for additional information from landowner.
- Spoke with Holtec Representative, sign permitted to Holtec on 4/23/2025 was placed incorrectly, they will be correcting the placement.
- Sent first notice letter to landowner on Stonebridge drive for a non-compliance complaint.
- Communicating with landowner on Shrigley Road for a violation of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Met with Landowner regarding complaint of a Shoreline violation on Peaceful Valley Road, they will be submitting a Shoreline Restoration plan.
- Continuing to see progress from landowner on Maple Grove Road for a Nuisance Ordinance complaint, Charlevoix County Fire Department Chief is monitoring parcel for fire hazards.

August 2025 Treasurer Report

(As of August 7, 2025)

Charlevoix State Bank

1. General Fund-\$674,959.80
(\$464,959.80 available, \$210,000 Recommended Reserve)
2. Tax Account-\$711,697.63 *(restricted Treasury Funds)*
3. Township Warrant Checking-\$10,081.92
4. Pantry-\$6,348.48*(restricted funds)*
5. ARPA *(restricted funds)*-\$39,498.76
6. Fundraising Account-\$18,268.81

Forefront

7. Metro Account-\$85,616.48
8. Prime Share-\$134.91

Horizon

9. Hayes Township Road Fund-\$332,714.33 *(restricted funds)*



Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Request budget item: swim buoys & designated swim area for Camp Seagull

1 message

LuAnne Kozma <luannekozma@gmail.com>
To: Bill Conklin <supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Mon, Jun 9, 2025 at 4:56 PM

Dear Supervisor Conklin and Board:

I was looking over the prepared budget and I don't see any line item that would cover the installation of a designated swim area and swim buoys for Hayes Township Park Camp Seagull.

At the March 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board passed a resolution (attached to this email) to authorize the completion of an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a permit for this project. I have learned that the application was never made.

I've made this point to the Board about the public safety need to establish a designated swim area, with buoys, at Camp Seagull, several times.

Please include in this year's budget, costs for establishing a designated swim area for Camp Seagull for this summer 2025. It won't cost that much and an estimate could be made now to cover the costs of buoys and any necessary removal of debris or dangerous rocks in the designated area. The application fee is negligible.

It's way past time we make this Township park safe for swimmers.

Thank you,

LuAnne Kozma
9330 Woods Road
Charlevoix MI 49720

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Hayes Township Board, all elected officials and interested parties

1 message

Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 19, 2025 at 8:52 PM

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

Dear Hayes Township Board members,

I'm fully aware that you will ignore this email as you have my previous emails but if you think that will stop me from further emails expressing my views, well, you don't know me very well.

I believe I mentioned this before but, possibly just to Mr. VanZee. So, now I'm going to explain the history of the problems I've had with my neighbors Sarah and Marshall Jones. This all began in the spring of 2024 when I mowed for the first time. I had to stop 13 times, get off my mower and pick up golf balls. I am 67 years old and disabled, getting on and off my zero turn mower is very difficult for me. When I finished I contacted Sarah Jones and asked if her kids had been out hitting golf balls. At first she denied everything, but when I told her about the golf balls on that side of my yard next to her, she finally admitted that the kids were doing it. She simply could have said she would tell them not to do that and that would have been the end of it.

As the conversation went on she admitted they were all doing it. Then she stated, "well, I didn't say anything to you when you damaged our fence in the front with your mower, I just went out and fixed it".

I have never even touched their fence with my mower. I told her this and said this was evident by the grass growing between their fence and where I mowed. I then went out and inspected their front fence and found the only damage was on the top of the fence. I then told her my mower doesn't fly, that possibly her son did it with his dirt bike while out doing the jumps they have, or maybe snowmobiles in the winter. She stated that if her son had done it he would have told them. She said that her family has very open communication and they tell each other everything. She then said maybe it was snowmobiles. I then said sure, kids never lie to their parents. I continued to find golf balls throughout that summer although not as many as the first time, they may have been ones I missed the 1st time.

Later she told me her husband looked at the fence damage and told her he thought the damage was a result of having too much tension on it. She then told me that the people across the road were the ones hitting golf balls.

The people across the road from her are a considerable distance off the road and up on a big hill, there are also a lot of big trees that would have stopped golf balls from coming onto my property. The lady across from me is older and certainly not out hitting golf balls across the road. I found them along the entire side of my property next to them and out in back of my pole barn with some golf ball sized dents in the aluminum siding on my pole barn.

I'm waiting for a snowmobiler to have an accident with their fence which is not flagged or marked.

The Jones family claims to be very religious but apparently lying is not against their religion.

I sincerely hope you realize this is the kind of people you defend, I'm starting to believe that maybe I should change my way of life since it seems that God and elected officials defend liars and thieves.

With Sarah Jones background in Real Estate I believe she was aware that by placing fencing at the back of the property 3 1/2 feet onto my property, (that I wouldn't notice) by Michigan law, after 15 years it would become their property. This leaves me wondering if that's why Hayes Township doesn't have set back requirements for side line and rear line structures, if maybe some elected officials (who I'm sure must be aware of the Michigan Law) have gained additional property by doing the same thing the Jones family has done to me.

Section 3.16 Fences, Walls and Hedges, clearly states, "Fences may be located on the lot line in the side or rear yards". The fact that you have singled out "Fences" can be placed on the lot line seems highly suspicious to me. Why doesn't the set back for accessory buildings apply to fences? It is still a structure just the same as a building.

This brings me to Section 3.05 of the ordinance which states accessory buildings "must meet district setbacks". What are the "district setbacks"?

Also under 3.05 (b) states that "One accessory building having a floor area less than (200) square feet shall comply with the district front yard setback for principal structure, but the minimum side and rear yard setbacks shall be reduced to ten (10) feet. The Jones family has many outbuildings with one that is only inches away from their side and rear fence. Of course, I realize, I'm not on (what I suspect to be) the Hayes Township friends and family list or the wealthy list so nobody cares.

I must say at this point I don't care that I'm not on the friends and family list because at this point I don't much like any of you either.

I've done my research and most townships have an ordinance with set back requirements for all structures including fences. This would eliminate problems like this. And I can tell you now I better not ever see a member of the Jones family even so much as put a toe on my property to maintain their fence like they did when constructing it or for any other reason including their dogs which got out many times and came over here. One time I called Sarah Jones when her dogs were over here and she asked me to get them back in and close their gate. I did that as a neighborly thing to do, but, if it happens again I will take photos and call the authorities.

I would also like to know what my rights are to my side of the fence on the "SHARED" property line. I'm thinking of ways to decorate it since I can't do anything else about it. I would appreciate a response to this question at the very least.

I noticed a statement on the first page of the township website which says "As residents, being blessed to call Hayes Township home is considered a gift." I felt that way when I first moved here but I don't anymore. Now I just feel like I'm a victim of the Jones family and the Hayes Township elected officials.

Once things for me settle down and I find a "new normal" for my life after my husbands passing on Nov.5, 2024 I will do my best to make other residents in this township aware of the fact that they can put a fence on their neighbors property and after 15 years if those people cannot afford an attorney to address the matter that in Hayes Township that property will then become theirs. The township will only support the violator, not the victim.

If any of you would like to be rid of me you can simply purchase my property for \$600,000.00 and I will gladly leave.

I also must mention the new LANDFILL located at 10404 Maple Grove Rd. Why don't you just adopt it, put up a sign and let all residents of Hayes township dump all their garbage there since it seems nothing else is being done about it. This would eliminate the need for a spring cleanup which you refuse to provide for us every year like other townships and municipalities do.

In closing I would like to bring up the name change of a portion of Old 31 which was illegally changed to Major Douglas Sloan Rd.

I have talked with the county who also said it was not done legally and they now have to explain to their maintenance crews that it is still really a part of Old 31. It still does not show up on any navigation system.

I checked with the State of Michigan and "Yes, a township board can change the name of a road IF IT'S NECESSARY TO AVOID CONFUSION OR DUPLICATION."

Further it states;

Explanation

"The board of trustees or supervisors for a township is responsible for naming roads under their jurisdiction."

"The board can change the name of a road if it's necessary to conform to a general plan or avoid confusion or duplication."

"Roads that have been used for 10 years or more are considered public highways, even if there's no record of their establishment."

"Roads that have been used for 8 years or more are also considered public highways, even if they haven't been recorded."

"The board can adopt ordinances and regulations to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare,"

"The board can contract for the maintenance or improvement of private roads within the township."

The ONLY thing you accomplished by changing the name was CREATE CONFUSION!

I believe the name change was the result of someone being under {what I perceive to be} the Hayes Township Friends and Family plan. I wonder what it cost them?

Change it back to Old 31, trust me if you don't, I will take this matter up with the State.

I wish I could tell each of you to have a great day but at this [point I just don't have it in me to do so.

Sincerely,

Shelley Dorgan
10205 Maple Grove Rd.
Charlevoix, MI 49720

August 4, 2025

Mr. Kevin Shepard
Charlevoix County Administrator
13513 Division Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

Re: Changing Speed Limit in Hayes Township
on Townline Road (South of US-31)

Dear Mr. Shepard and Board of Commissioners:

The Hayes Township Board of Trustees voted at their last meeting to request that you undertake the necessary procedures to change the speed limit on the following road:

1. Townline Road, south of US-31 to Pincherry Rd, to a 25 mph zone.

Christopher Mills, a resident on Townline, and Kim Fary, a resident who lives one street west, both wrote letters to the Hayes Township board outlining their concerns about the excessive speed of the cars that travel south of US-31, in that predominantly residential neighborhood. See attached letters.

I have reviewed the attached article "Traffic and Speed Counts" by Keith Ogden, published by the Charlevoix County Road Commission in Fall, 2008. At this particular location, we believe that a speed study could be avoided. We are asking that you consider taking action to authorize the posting of a 25 mph zone, under the prima facie speed limit law. I have sent this same letter to Pat Weeks, Charlevoix County Road Commission, requesting his consideration and assistance.

After some cursory research, I was able to secure a copy of a legal opinion from Mr. Nicholas C. Krieger, an attorney who represents a number of townships. See attached.

Of particular interest to Hayes Township was his opinion:

Lest there be any confusion as to whether MCL 257.628 (requiring a speed study) and MCL 257.627 (default speed limits or prima facie speed limits) should be read in harmony with one another, MCL 257.628(2) specifically provides that a township Board "may petition the county board of commissioners for...[a] proposed change in

the speed limit *without the necessity of a speed study consistent with the methods prescribed for establishing speed limits under 627*". (emphasis added)

The Hayes Township Board considered Mr. Krieger's letter and his conclusion to be convincing, to wit: "...there are still certain, default speed limits in this state that can be determined without a speed study and requested by a township board".

Since Townline Road divides Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, I have made our request known to the Resort Township Supervisor for consideration. I talked with Mr. Paul Maulpass, who lives on the southeast (SE) corner of Townline and US-31 in Resort Township. He was especially concerned about the lack of a 25 mph speed limit sign/zone. He stated that he never let his daughter walk alone across the street to the Shell gas station until she turned 13 years old; he still reminds her every time to watch for cars, especially those turning from US-31 onto Townline, "as they drive way too fast".

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

William M. Conklin, Supervisor
Hayes Township
Charlevoix County, Michigan
231-373-0059

August 4, 2025

Mr. Kevin Shepard
Charlevoix County Administrator
13513 Division Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

Re: Changing the Speed Limit on Major Douglas Sloan Road

Dear Mr. Shepard and Board of Commissioners:

The Hayes Township Board of Trustees voted at their last meeting to request that you undertake the necessary procedures to change the speed limit on the following road:

1. Major Douglas Sloan Road, from Murray Rd to Maple Grove Rd, to a 45 mph zone.

Due to the proximity of homes to the road, the winding nature and narrow portions of the road, we felt that a 55-mph speed limit was unsafe; it needed to be reduced to a 45-mph zone. Our opinions about the condition of the road, its lack of shoulders and the number of bikers who travel that section of the road regularly, warranted this request to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph, for the safety of Hayes Township residents. Additional information can be provided.

I have reviewed the attached article "Traffic and Speed Counts" by Keith Ogden, published by the Charlevoix County Road Commission in Fall, 2008. For Major Douglas Sloan Road, we are requesting that a speed study be undertaken or consideration be given to any viable alternative, consistent with the Michigan statutes. I have sent this same letter to Pat Weeks, Charlevoix County Road Commission.

The Hayes Township Board requests that efforts be undertaken to reduce the speed limit on Major Douglas Sloan Road, especially between Murray Road and Maple Grove Road.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

William M. Conklin, Supervisor
Hayes Township, Charlevoix County
231-373-0059

August 4, 2025

Mr. Kevin Shepard
Charlevoix County Administrator
13513 Division Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

Re: Changing the Speed Limit on Shrigley Road

Dear Mr. Shepard and Board of Commissioners:

The Hayes Township Board of Trustees voted at their last meeting to request that you undertake the necessary procedures to change the speed limit on the following road:

1. Shrigley Road, the entire length, to a 25 mph zone.

One of the Board members who lives on Shrigley Road indicated that it is a residential neighborhood and that there is a need to reduce the speed to 25 mph. The entire length of the road is comprised of individual homes with driveways on both sides of the road. Although it is not a platted subdivision, given the close proximity of the homes and how narrow the road is, without shoulders, perhaps there is a basis for a prima facie speed limit of 25 mph. Additional information can be provided if that would assist you.

I have reviewed the attached article "Traffic and Speed Counts" by Keith Ogden, published by the Charlevoix County Road Commission in Fall, 2008. At this particular location, we are requesting that either a speed study be undertaken or that you consider whether a prima facie speed of 25 mph is warranted. I have sent this same letter to Pat Weeks, Charlevoix County Road Commission.

After some research, I was able to secure a copy of a legal opinion from Mr. Nicholas C. Krieger, an attorney who represents a number of townships. See attached.

Of particular interest to Hayes Township was his opinion which states:

Lest there be any confusion as to whether MCL 257.628 (requiring a speed study) and MCL 257.627 (default speed limits or prima facie speed limits) should be read in harmony with one another, MCL 257.628(2) specifically provides that a township Board "may petition the county board of commissioners for...[a] proposed change in

the speed limit *without the necessity of a speed study consistent with the methods prescribed for establishing speed limits under 627*". (emphasis added)

The Hayes Township Board considered Mr. Krieger's letter and his conclusion to be helpful regarding Shrigley Road, to wit: "...there are still certain, default speed limits in this state that can be determined without a speed study and requested by a township board".

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

William M. Conklin, Supervisor
Hayes Township
Charlevoix County, Michigan
231-373-0059

Ms. Crocker,

I was interested to see your post. I am an attorney in Ludington, and I represent a few townships in West Michigan all of which are MTA members. One of the townships I represent (not far from yours) has had a similar issue with speed limits in a residential area. There, the township board members were similarly told by MDOT and law enforcement that they are "misunderstanding" state law and that all speed limits now require a speed study in order to be revised or lowered. I want you to know that this is not what the statute says, despite the fact that MDOT, MSP, and county road commissions seem to think it is.

It is true that speed limits set under MCL 257.628 are now to be changed on the basis of a speed study and determined according to the 85th-percentile statutory formula, among other things. However, everyone seems to be forgetting that there are certain other, default speed limits set by state law (known as *prima facie* speed limits) which are described in MCL 257.627 (these include lowered speed limits in business districts, parks, certain residential platted subdivisions, and certain highway segments with multiple vehicular access points/driveways). Lest there be any confusion as to whether these two sections of the Motor Vehicle Code should be read in harmony with one another, MCL 257.628(2)(a) specifically provides that a township board "may petition the county board of commissioners for . . . [a] proposed change in the speed limit *without the necessity of a speed study consistent with the methods prescribed for establishing speed limits under section 627*" (emphasis added). It is a fundamental principle of statutory interpretation that every word or phrase used by the Legislature *must have some meaning*, and no law can be interpreted in such a way as to render any part of it superfluous or meaningless. Thus, it is clear that there are still certain, default speed limits in this state that can be determined without a speed study and requested by a township board.

I would note, as you are probably already aware, that our esteemed Legislature entirely repealed the former MCL 257.629, which had given township boards and other local units of government various powers in setting speed limits, including the power to lower certain limits without MDOT or county road commission approval and various powers to set lowered/modified speed limits in various places without the necessity of a speed study. See 2016 P.A. 445, enacting section 1. Why did the Legislature do this? Who knows. The legislative history provides no clue as to the motivation underlying this action. By the way, around that same time the Legislature also eliminated the power of school boards and superintendents to lower certain speed limits near schools and dramatically reduced the time period when school-zone speed limits are in effect.

MTA (and MML and MAC for that matter) should be very curious (and concerned??) about why our Legislature has eliminated so many local powers pertaining to speed limits-- these were long-standing local powers that had been in effect for at least 35-40 years before they were inexplicably repealed. Thank you so much for your concern regarding this matter. I wonder if other townships are having similar issues.

Very truly yours,
Nick Krieger

Ludington

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Original Message:
Sent: 4/16/2025 9:04:00 AM
From: Kelly Crocker
Subject: RE: House Bill 4012

Did you ever get anywhere with us question? I tried to get action on a road that stands between houses/cottages and a lake to get the speed limit lowered, but was shut down at every attempt. They told me I was misunderstanding the bill that there still has to be a speed study. I finally gave up and we put not enforceable 25 mph signs on that quarter mile stretch, hoping it will slow down traffic, but knowing it's not legally enforceable.

Kelly Crocker
Supervisor
Sheridan Twp.
Fountain MI

1. Julie Collard and Kristin Beranski filed a police report against me, as Supervisor, on June 25, 2025, with the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, accusing me of misuse/misappropriation/accepting funds under false pretenses and other wrongdoing with respect to my organizing volunteer efforts to clean-up the ice storm damage for the elderly, incapacitated and those in need.

I came to learn of these accusations in mid-July from many residents who were disturbed by the malicious accusations against me.

The deputy who investigated their accusations concluded that their claims were UNFOUNDED. The case was closed on August 4. A copy of the police report is available upon request, via e-mail to me.

I am being transparent, as the residents of the Township need to know that I did this work, as I stated at Board meetings, as an individual, Bill Conklin, because the Board would not approve the rental of the necessary equipment to address the needs of individual residents who requested assistance.

My Narrative of the Clean Up work, with a Synopsis and Accounting have been presented as an item on the agenda for tonight, August 11, 2025. Copies will be available on the township website with the minutes; however, you may request a copy of my Narrative, Synopsis and Accounting from me via e-mail. I hope each of you takes the time to review all of the work which was done for the residents in need. Thank you to the 24 volunteers who donated 288 hours of their time over 3.5 months to clean up ice storm debris at 104 homes.

2. FEMA has announced that Townships which spent funds on ice storm clean up may submit applications to be refunded their costs for clean up on a 75% basis – meaning that 75% of the \$20,000.00 which was paid to W&W Tree Service from Hayes Township funds may be reimbursed to Hayes Township. I attended the ZOOM meeting and am awaiting contact from FEMA/MSP representatives to commence that application process.
3. I have sent letters to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and to the Charlevoix County Road Commission requesting that they undertake the necessary steps to authorize a 25-mph speed zone on Townline from US-31 to Pincherry and on the entire length of Shrigley Road. In addition, a request was made to reduce the speed from 55 mph to 45 mph on Major Douglas Sloan Road from Murray Road to Maple Grove Road. This was approved at the last Board meeting on July 14, 2025. A Resolution is required and is scheduled for tonight's agenda.

4. Many residents have complained about cars parking along US-31 from Burgess Road on the west to Trillium Rd on the east. Pat Weeks stated that the Road Commission could not do anything about that issue, and he gave me the number to call MDOT. I contacted MDOT to ask if they would undertake the necessary steps to place No Parking signs along US-31. That department person in charge indicated that they would not commence any action until there was a need to do so. I asked what that need might be, "do you mean unless there are numerous accidents?" and he said "yes, essentially". I am asking the Planning Commission and the Township Board of Trustees to consider adopting an Ordinance to prevent the parking of cars along US-31 in Hayes Township.

Bill Conklin
231-373-0059



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Speed limits

1 message

Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 at 2:45 PM

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

Dear Hayes Township Board Members ,

Today I'm writing regarding the discussion about lowering some speed limits at last month's board meeting.

This reminds me of people who move from the city to a rural area and then want all the same laws and regulations they had inside the city limits.

I guess I was lucky, when I grew up children were taught to stay out of the road and pets were tied up or kept on a leash.

Some were suggesting lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 25 mph.

If these people are having a problem keeping their children and/or pets out of the road they could fence in their yard to prevent this instead of trying to inconvenience everyone else who uses the road.

Lower speed limits adds time to people's commute to and from work. At 55 mph a 10 mile drive takes 10:55 minutes. At 25 mph this would take 24:00 minutes.

<https://www.timecalculator.net/speed-distance-time-calculator>

Most people drive more than 10 miles one way.

Also this is a waste of time and money. It can not be enforced. We do not have law enforcement to patrol rural roads. We also do not need to waste taxpayer money on signs for something that can't be enforced.

Please consider the inconvenience this would cause to all that use these roads

Sincerely,

Shelley Dorgan
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Charlevoix, MI 49720



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We need a fireworks ordinance

1 message

Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 at 2:57 PM

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

With no ordinance regarding fireworks people in Hayes Township can shoot them off every single day of the year. I recently learned that the state law does not mean those are the only days fireworks can be used, it actually means that those are the only days that their use can't be stopped.

We are in a rural area with lots of farms where fireworks are extremely traumatic to animals both domestic and wild. We must also think about our veterans. Having been married to a 30 year Navy veteran who did two tours in Vietnam I know first hand how traumatizing it is for them. I understand that if you do not have a family member who has served during a war you might not be aware of this. We did our best to avoid fireworks displays but you can't get away when it's happening next door.

Please consider animals, both domestic and wild and our veterans.

Sincerely,

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Charlevoix, MI, 49720



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Animosity

1 message

Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 at 3:38 PM

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

Dear Hayes Township Board Members, appointed officials and all interested parties,

I noticed a lot of animosity toward our new township supervisor. Everyone needs to be aware that Mr. Conklin was elected by the majority of residents in Hayes Township.

Hayes Township officials and appointees are supposed to represent all residents of Hayes Township, not just their friends, family or personal opinions.

I believe Mr. Conklin was elected because the majority of residents in Hayes Township do not like the way things have been done and how some present and past officials have conducted themselves and/or neglected their duties.

It's past time that all elected officials and appointees realize this and work together with Mr. Conklin and each other. I don't expect you to agree with each other on everything but you all must listen to each other with respect and come to mutual agreements. If you cannot do this then maybe you are a part of the problem that got Mr. Conklin elected. If any of you cannot or refuse to do this, then maybe you should resign, so that we can have a group of people who are willing to work together and represent all residents of Hayes Township. I could list some names but I won't, you know who you are.

I just purchased and received the 2025 Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Townships guide. I would encourage all of you to begin with Chapter One.

"You hold public office"

"You are the government"

"You are using other people's money"

"You are a member of a public body"

"YOUR ACTIONS ARE PUBLIC"

"YOU MUST WORK WITH OTHERS"

"YOU MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE"

As Hayes Township grows it is critical that we have officials who are here to represent everyone that lives here, not just friends, family or their own personal desires.

Cooperation, Respect and Communication between all elected and appointed officials must be achieved. For anyone who feels they cannot do this then you should resign.

Sincerely,

Shelley Dorgan
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FW: Hayes Township Board, all elected officials and interested parties

1 message

Todd Millar <tmillar@parkerharvey.com>

Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 7:19 AM

To: William Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, "Kristin Baranski (clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)" <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, "Julie Collard (treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)" <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Good morning. Kristin asked me to weigh in on this issue for tonight's meeting. From the email below, it looks like a neighbor installed a fence partially on Ms. Dorgan's property. It is not specifically stated but I am assuming this is a side or rear yard. Your ordinance provides:

Section 3.16 Fences, Walls and Hedges

Fences, walls, or hedges may be permitted on any property in any District, provided that no fence, or wall exceed a height of six (6) feet, except where specifically allowed by this Zoning Ordinance, and shall be no closer than five (5) feet to the front property line or road right-of-way, and further provided such fence, wall or hedge shall not obstruct sight distances needed for safe vehicular traffic, nor create a hazard to traffic or pedestrians. Fences may be located on the lot line in the side or rear yards. Fences shall not exceed four (4) feet in height within the front yard for a waterfront property. Where a lot borders a lake or stream, fencing shall not be constructed on the waterfront side within the required fifty (50) foot shoreland protection strip; provided however, except when the lot is immediately adjacent to a municipal park located on a lake, a maximum six foot fence shall be allowed on the shared boundary with the municipal park, provided the fence is at least 50% open and the finished side of the fence faces the municipal park.

Fences in the side or rear yard can be installed on the lot line under the current version of the ordinance. As Ms. Dorgan stated, some municipalities do require fences to be set back from the property line. If you would like to change that, we can look at amending the ordinance.

Generally the Township does not have standing to pursue private property rights and damages. Therefore, the Township would not be able to pursue a trespass or damages claim on behalf of Ms. Dorgan. She would need to file that in circuit court on her own.

The questions I have is, was the fence constructed pursuant to a permit zoning permit? Your ordinance says that all structures require a zoning permit. Arguably, a fence is a structure as defined by the ordinance. Has this term been interpreted to exclude fences? If not, we may be able to argue that implicit in every permit is the fact that the structure will be erected on your property. By not erecting the fence on their property, the property owner is violating the permit and can be sanctioned pursuant to Section 9.07. This is not a slam dunk by any means but a

way the Township could elect to pursue this issues. The strongest case if for Ms. Dorgan to pursue her own claim.

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.

Todd

Todd W. Millar

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From: clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:21 AM

To: Todd Millar <tmillar@parkerharvey.com>

Subject: Fwd: Hayes Township Board, all elected officials and interested parties

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From: Shelley Dorgan <shedrgnfly@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 27, 2025 at 3:05 PM

Subject: Hayes Township Board, all elected officials and interested parties

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

Dear Hayes Township Board Members,



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Road Commission Misleading Township Boards on Cost-Sharing Requirements

1 message

skybox53@gmail.com <skybox53@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 10, 2025 at 5:57 PM

To: clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov

Introduction:

Dear Township Boards,

The Charlevoix County Road Commission (CCRC) has required townships to pay half the cost of nearly any local road work for decades. This practice has drained township budgets, forced tax increases, and shifted the burden of road funding from county road commissions to local taxpayers. Yet Michigan law says something very different.

Under Public Act 51 of 1951, a 50 percent township cost-share is required only for projects classified as construction. Preservation projects, which include most road maintenance, resurfacing, and even full reconstruction without added capacity, do not require a township contribution under MCL 247.660c and MCL 247.662(15).

Despite these clear definitions, CCRC has misapplied the statute to justify ultimatums: raise taxes or watch local roads deteriorate to PASER 1 or 2.

Even after being provided with information directly contradicting years of this practice of misleading officials, CCRC continues to pressure townships to raise taxes on their citizens. I have challenged the Charlevoix Road Commission to obtain a legal review of its decades-old habit of misapplying Act 51 and imposing unfair taxation and provide it to township boards. Yet, to date, there has been no response. Why?

In the weeks ahead, I will also address how disproportionate charges for equipment use, overfunded pension programs, and unfulfilled county millage promises have further drained resources and contributed to the decline of local roads in Charlevoix County. See Attached Act51 Cost-Sharing Guide.

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ACT51_CostSharing_Guide.pdf

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clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Consumer's Energy Franchise Ordinance -

2 messages

Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 1:58 PM

To: Todd Millar <tmillar@parkerharvey.com>, Kristin Baranski Clerk <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Hello Todd and Kristin,

I attach the proposed Franchise Ordinance. I do not know of any other provision which we may need - the term is 30 years - but the Ordinance can be revoked with 60 days notice.

I have asked Kristin to put this on the Agenda for August.

Do you have any recommendations to modify what they have provided?

Thank you,

Bill Conklin
231-373-0059

 **Franchise Ordinance.pdf**
50K**Todd Millar** <tmillar@parkerharvey.com>

Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 7:30 AM

To: William Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, "Kristin Baranski (clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)" <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

The only addition I would recommend is a fee provision. See the materials I sent Bill a couple weeks ago. Consumers should be willing to pay the township's out of pocket costs for reviewing, passing and publishing the ordinance. You could add one hour of my time to review and comment on the ordinance and the cost of publishing the notices. That seems reasonable to me and something that Consumers should be willing to pay.

Todd

Todd W. Millar

Attorney

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CHECK REGISTER REPORT

Check Date	Bank	Check	Module	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank 00002 WARRANTS						
08/11/2025	00002	15559	HRMS	0001	Alisa G Abiney	2,565.50
08/11/2025	00002	15560	HRMS	0003	Kristin L Baranski	2,905.98
08/11/2025	00002	15561	HRMS	0009	Julie M Collard	2,389.56
08/11/2025	00002	15562	HRMS	00000100	WILLIAM CONKLIN	2,397.13
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Total of 37 Checks:	48,589.04
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 37 Disbursements:	48,589.04

CASE SUPERVISION SHEET

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INCIDENT DATA

Case#	2025-001169
Date / Time Reported	07/28/2025 09:13 <i>ht.</i>
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At Found	07/28/2025 09:13 <i>Mon</i>

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Incident Report Additional Name List

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OCA: 2025-001169

Additional Name List

Name Code/#	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Age	Race	Sex
1) 10 3	BARANSKI, KRISTIN					W F
	Address 5415 RABB RD, CHARLEVOLX, MI 49720-		B: - -			
	Emp/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: - -			

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Charlevoix Sheriff Department

Case # 2025-001169

Status Codes 1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown

D R U G S	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	

Assisting Officers

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: **NONE**

NARRATIVE

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

City Sheriff Department		OCA 2025-001169
Station HAYES TWP	Offense FRAUD - FALSE PRETENSE	Date / Time Reported Mon 07/28/2025 09:13
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COMPLAINT:

Fraud False Pretense.

VENUE:

09195 Major Douglas Sloan Rd. Hayes Township, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

DATE AND TIME:

Monday July 21, 2025 at approximately 1128 hrs.

REPORT / NARRATIVE:

On Monday July 21, 2025 at approximately 1128 hrs. I (Det. Hasty) received an email from Sheriff Chuck Vondra that was sent to him by staff at the Hayes Township Hall. There was an allegation made of possible fraudulent activity occurring involving the Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisor was identified as William Conklin. There was a typed letter in the email addressed to Sheriff Vondra which outlined the allegations of possible wrong doing.

SYNOPSIS OF THE LETTER TO SHERIFF VONDRA DATED JUNE 25, 2025:

We have serious concerns about Bill Conklin's potential misuse / misappropriation / accepting funds under false pretenses.

He is the current supervisor of Hayes Township and has been collecting funds from township residents with absolutely no Board of Trustees approval, with no accounting or oversight, under the guise of helping to offset the cost of our storm clean up but using the funds to pay for hired individuals and equipment rental. One of the residents mentioned both verbally and in writing several times is also a convicted offender with no vehicle on his file but is receiving funds for use of his vehicle.

The Hayes Township Board of Trustees has contracted W&W Tree Service to clean the debris from the ice storm. They are collecting roadside piles of debris. Bill has decided to assist residents with yard cleaning as a resident, not as a supervisor or Board member. However, he has been using Township report and communication regarding his cleanup effort, introducing himself as the supervisor. Several times he has mentioned residents donating \$50.00 or \$100.00 to help offset the cost of the Township cleaning. Bill claims in the recording provided he has never solicited a donation in person from a resident. In that same recording from our June 23, 2025, Board meeting, his wife Diane shares that she has kept a record of all donations and expenditures and would share that with us. When that information was requested, she refused to provide anything (See emails provided). (See attached letter).

INTERVIEW OF JULIE COLLARD:

On July 23, 2025, I (Det. Hasty) made phone contact with Julie Collard. She is the Hayes Township Treasurer. She advised that the Board of Trustees authorized the hiring of W & W Tree Service for storm damage cleanup sustained from the ice storm in March 2025. The cleanup was only for brush that had been moved out to the road right of way

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and not for yard cleanup. She stated the contract was signed for \$30,000, however there was a \$10,000 grant available so the cost to the township would be \$20,000. Collard advised that Bill Conklin had requested more funds from the township to assist in yard cleanup for the elderly and disabled. The Board of Trustees denied this request due to the liability issues involved with utilizing equipment. She stated that when the Board of Trustees denied the extra funds to Mr. Conklin, he stated that he would pay for the equipment rental and gather volunteers to assist in yard cleanup. There was an immediate concern raised about a person that was hired by Mr. Conklin. I explained to her that Mr. Conklin, acting as a resident, not as the township supervisor, and hiring a registered sex offender is not against the law. I advised her that the Michigan Sex Offender laws have been under scrutiny and there has been a tremendous amount of changes to these laws recently.

I ask Collard to again confirm that the township contracted with and approved to hire W & W Tree Service and she stated "yes". I ask her if an audit had been conducted on all the township accounts and she stated they were waiting on a call. I ask her if she suspects Mr. Conklin of keeping any money given to him and she stated "no". I ask her if the township has an attorney and she advised "yes, and he is aware of the allegations". Collard advised that there has been tension between Mr. Conklin and other Board members in the past.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RECORDED MEETING: (See attached) (Not verbatim)

Bill Conklin was asked if he was collecting donations from residents and he replied "if residents come up to me and say I want to pay you, it's No". He went on to say that it's \$100.00 a day for the chipper and \$200.00 a day for Dan Dixon and his truck. Collard states that she understands the gesture of kindness, but when you're using township materials to solicit funds, and Conklin states "I'm not using township materials". Collard states that Conklin is going around and introducing himself as the township supervisor and he stated "No I'm not". Collard states that Conklin has not turned in any donation money to her and Conklin stated "because this is not township related, this is Bill Conklin doing the work as an individual". It appears there is confusion reference Conklin asking for donations in the news letter to help offset the township expense of contracting with W & W Tree Service. The township materials were used for this purpose, however it appears that was for the work conducted by W & W Tree Service and not the work Mr. Conklin was conducting.

FOLLOW UP LIST OF RESIDENTS SUPPLIED BY JULIE COLLARD:

On July 24 & 25, 2025, I (Det. Hasty) made phone contact with the following residents who reside in Hayes Township. These individuals were all asked the same questions concerning Mr. Conklin and the yard cleanup.

1. Linda Miscount 7-24-25 - She stated she could not remember the introduction with Mr. Conklin, never used his services, was not asked to donate money, and did not pay Conklin.
2. Chris Kettle 7-24-25 - No contact was made and the voicemail box on his phone was full.
3. Cathy Brickle 7-24-25 - She stated she never used his service, no money was asked for or donated.
4. Lauren Pearson 7-24-25 - She said Conklin did not introduce himself as the township supervisor, did not use his services, no money was asked for or donated, and she said Conklin made it very clear this was him helping and had nothing to do with the township.
5. Bob Adams 7-24-25 - He said he could not recall the introduction, did a small amount of work, and he used

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venmo to send \$50.00 to Diane Conklin to help with the equipment rental.

6. Jason Hall 7-24-25 - He said Conklin did not introduce himself as the township supervisor, did some work, and Jason asked Conklin if he could donate money, Conklin did not ask for a donation per Hall. Donation was \$100.00 cash.

7. Margret McIntyre - Per Julie Collard, she sent a check directly to the township for \$50.00 I spoke to Margret McIntyre on 7-29-25 who confirmed she had sent the check to the township due to what she read in the news letter. She said she was under the assumption the money was to offset the cost of hiring W & W Tree service and not for what Conklin was doing.

8. Ken Swan 7-24-25 - He said Conklin did not introduce himself as the township supervisor, and there was no talk of money being donated or asked for.

9. Paul Squires 7-24-25 - He said Conklin did not introduce himself as the township supervisor, and there was no talk of money being donated or asked for.

10. Rex Greenslade 7-24-25 - He had no work to be done because he resides in a condominium association that did the cleanup. No money was talked about or asked for.

11. Richard Todd 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

12. Matt Berg 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

13. Chris Loewen 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

14. Jaquelin Burke 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

15. Andrew Redlawski 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

16. Nancy Elkhund 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

17. Barbara Walker 7-24-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

18. Susan McGuire 7-25-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

19. Mary Wilson 7-25-25 - Phone not in service. (Number from TLO).

20. Randy Johnson 7-25-25 - Did not use the service, he said he was going to volunteer some of his time to help Bill, however had to have hip surgery. He said he donated \$100.00 to the boy scouts of America, but had no discussion about money with Bill.

21. Tammy Southwood 7-25-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

22. Bill Henne 7-25-25 - He said Conklin chipped a small pile of brush for him, no money was exchanged, and Mr.

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Henne offered to donate, however Mr. Conklin did not ask for money.

23. Doug Johnson 7-25-25 - Did not use the service or donate any money.

EVIDENCE:

Letter emailed to Sheriff Vondra

Copies of email messages between the Hayes Township Clerk and Diane Conklin.

Copy of the Hayes Voice news letter.

Copy of the special meeting notes from May 2, 2025

Copy of the May 12, 2025 meeting notes.

Copy of the special meeting recording (See attached CD).

CONTACT WITH JULIE COLLARD:

On Monday August 4, 2025, I (Det. Hasty) made phone contact with Julie Collard and spoke to her about the outcome of the investigation.

CASE DISPOSITION:

TOT Office files.

CASE STATUS:

Unfounded.

June 25, 2025

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We are sharing the minutes from our board meetings, the reports and public letters from Bill to township residents, a list of residents we believe he has spoken to (this is NOT conclusive in any way—there are many others), email communication, contracts, as well as the recording from our June 23, 2025 meeting where this issue was discussed.

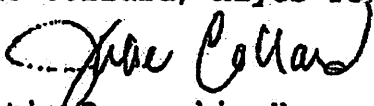
Treasurers are required to keep an account of township revenues and expenditures, as well as receive and deposit all township revenues and payments in approved depositories. Clerks maintain

the general ledger, prepare financial statements, as well as maintain custody of all township records and warrants for township checks. With these statutory responsibilities in mind, we both feel the financial aspect of this behavior is concerning and not in line with the requirements of the handling of township funds.

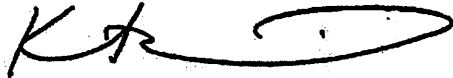
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie Collard, Hayes Township Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Collard".

Kristin Baranski, Hayes Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristin Baranski".

One of events re: **Cleanup and Organizing Volunteers** myself/individually, not as Supervisor, since the other members of the Township Board declined my offer to rent the necessary equipment for the elderly and the needy, to wit: Woodchipper (\$100/day) and Dump Truck (\$250.00/day) on the weekends.

Other members of the Board held tightly to their view: "if a service is not being given to everyone, then it should not be given to anyone".

I disagree, since there were so many telephone calls asking for help; many folks do not have the means to undertake cleanup, either due to incapacities, age or finances. That is when volunteers and neighbors should assist.

This OUTLINE HAS NOTHING to do with the W&W Tree Service contract to pick up all "ice storm limbs and branches" placed along the side of a road.

After the ice storm of March 28-30, the Hayes Township Board had a special meeting on April 8, 2025 to discuss the possibility of clean up; Landscape Logic submitted a proposal to clean up the township for a cost of \$45,000.00 + \$2500/day which did not specify what portions of the township would be cleaned up. After discussions that Landscape Logic bid did not cover entire Township and since I had been getting many calls from the elderly/needy who wanted help cleaning up their lots, I offered to coordinate volunteers to help clean-up properties for the elderly/needy. I offered to rent a woodchipper and a dump truck, when necessary. I asked the other members of the Board if the township would pay for the equipment rental, then I would organize the volunteers. The other members declined that offer stating that "if it is not offered to everyone, then the township should not be involved" and "you cannot get volunteers to do much work...when the summer comes, you will not get anyone to work".

I stated that, due to the many calls for help, I would undertake that effort myself personally and will organize volunteers to assist those in need with ice storm cleanup. The Board then agreed to ask Landscape Logic and others to submit a bid to clean up the entire township. I provided the names of the streets to be included in any bid.

At the Board meeting on April 14, Landscape Logic submitted a bid for \$68,000.00. I had reached out to Walt Tasker of W&W Tree Service in Houghton Lake to see if he might be interested in putting in a bid. He was busy onsite in the Onaway area and stated that he would need to assess the damage before he submitted a bid. The Board decided that it could not afford to hire a company for cleanup.

On April 16, a notice was posted on our website indicating that Hayes Township is not formally undertaking any storm debris cleanup, but elderly/needy residents could contact me as I would be organizing volunteers on my own and securing a woodchipper and hopefully a dump truck.

As a result of this post, I received phone calls from many residents on Nine Mile Point, who asked their Assoc to become involved. Their Association and I agreed to a contract in which they would pay for the cost of the woodchipper (\$100/day) and Dump Truck (\$250.00/day) for two days scheduled for April 26 and 27, if I could arrange some volunteers and the association provided volunteers. This contract with 9 Mile Association was separate and apart from my expressed work for the elderly/needy who had called me asking that they be put on the schedule for assistance.

Since 9 Mile Point was only 60% completed, I realized that clean-up was going to be a major undertaking which would continue through the summer.

On April 29, I applied for a grant through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Hayes Township was awarded a grant of \$10,000.00 for clean-up efforts.

On May 2, 2025, the Township Board held a special meeting to discuss hiring W & W Tree Service to clean up the ice storm damage (no other bids were submitted, A+ Tree Service was asked to submit a bid) if residents brought "ice storm limbs and branches" to the edge of the road, for a total cost of \$30,000.00. The Board agreed with conditions and W&W Tree Service stated it did not want to be paid until the Board was satisfied with its work. The Manager of the Road Commission and I traveled the entire township discussing what was road commission work and what was W&W work. Proof of proper business name and insurances, contract with Rieth-Riley signed, agreements with Road Commission and Sheriff Dept were secured.

The Board signed a contract with W&W Tree Service at the next board meeting on May 12. I stated that I would continue working with volunteers to assist elderly/needy who called me to haul their branches to the road and/or chip the branches or cut down trees/branches, which posed a hazard.

Please note that I personally (and not in my capacity as Supervisor) had made contracts with the Charlevoix Country Club Superintendent for the use of their wood chipper for \$100/day (since I had worked maintenance part-time for two years with them and was familiar with the woodchipper) and with Dan Dixon for the use of his dump truck for \$250/day. See attached Contracts.

I had received over 100 telephone calls from folks in need, asking that I put them on the list for assistance; I organized them by areas of the township. I assessed that the north and east portions of the township sustained more damage than the south and west portions. Therefore, I started in the north and east side of the township and advised the others approximately when we would be able to help them.

In late April, Jason Hall, Bob Adams and Barbara Ray had asked if I would assist them in cleanup of the Townline/Division/Spring St area, Bob and Barbara stated they would help with the cost of the woodchipper. Since they were all in the same vicinity, I scheduled the cleanup of their area for May 3 – *a month before I ever asked residents to consider making a payment to the Township to offset the cost of W&W Tree Service.*

May 3 - Stacey and Janet McGarey and Justin Allen assisted in the Townline/Rocky Beach/Spring/Maple/Division areas. Jason Hall handed me a \$100 bill, and I said, "no, you do not need to do that" and he insisted and said "no, you take it to pay for the equipment". Woody Pearson joined us when Justin had to leave. When Stacey and Janet had to leave, Woody and I continued to clean up until 6:30pm. We completed 7 full loads of wood chips which we dumped at Rieth-Riley. Bob Adams sent me \$50.00, and Barbara Ray sent me \$50.00 to defray the cost of the rented equipment.

May 4 - Mel Thayer and I agreed that he would pay for the woodchipper (\$100), and I would help chip branches along his driveway, side yards and back of his property. I had worked the weekend of April 19 at his house cutting down branches which were hung up in his maple and birch trees. Ultimately, I cut the birch tree down and cut the tree into campfire/wood stove size. My son, Casey, Mel and I chipped up his many piles in driveway and front yard (white pines). Casey had to leave at 1:30pm and Dave Bateman

ed to help chip the many piles along the north side of his house and in the back of his house. We finished at 4:00pm and Mel Thayer drove the woodchipper to the Country Club and gave me \$100.00 for the cost of the rented woodchipper. I paid for the gas for the woodchipper.

May 10 - Justin Allen, Kevin Willis and I worked Townline at the park, then Bayshore area and south to the end of Murray Road. We drove to See Rd to clean up piles in side yard of Martha Skeel. Justin and Kevin had to leave. I cleaned up one pile on the side yard for Darlene Buchner. Thereafter, Dan and I went to Virginia Field's house on Maple Grove to cut many branches/limbs and hauled them to chipper in the driveway for 2.5 hours.

May 17 - Jim Rudolph used his truck to drive woodchipper with me from CCC to Wynkoop at Park View and Henne and others on Boyne City Rd to chip up many piles of limbs/branches for 5 hours.

May 24 - I cut up limbs, trees and branches at Doug Johnson's and George Southwood's on Maple Grove; then went to Pincherry at Marolyn Anderson's where I cut up the branches and limbs from trees on her front 3 acres to get ready for chipper with Jim Rudolph - dump truck would not fit in between the trees.

June 1 - Kevin Willis, Jim Rudolph and I used woodchipper at Marolyn Anderson's 3 acres which took most of the day. Tom, Marolyn's caretaker, gave me \$100.00 for the equipment and I gave it to Jim Rudolph for use of his truck on 5/17 and that day. Jim Rudolph used his truck to haul woodchipper from CCC and back to CCC. This was before the Voice newsletter was sent out which quoted me "asking that if folks were able, to send a donation to the Township to defray the cost of cleanup" for W&W Tree Service.

June 7 - Alan Juday had called a third time and stated that he had put his limbs all over his front and side yard and W&W had not come yet and his company was coming to visit - he needed help; I advised that I was going to other homes and could stop first thing at his house with the chipper and dump. He offered to help pay for the woodchipper and I said Ok. At 8:30am, we cleared his entire front and side yard together for 3 hrs.; he gave me \$100.00 for the woodchipper. I then went to Dan Swan's on Stolt Rd, then along Burgess to Ken Swan's near Dunmaglas and finished at Randy Johnson's on MDS, chipping the trees and limbs laying in his yard at 7:00pm - left the logs for the baseball team to pick up.

June 14 -Went to Bayside Park to clean up what was hauled up by the baseball players on 6/8; then Sue Kenny's (short 15' pieces) on Division and another pile on Division; then in Bayshore area - 2 houses with piles and finished doing Murray Road north of Upper Bayshore - four homes - McIntyre & her neighbors.

July 5 - Stacey and Janet McGary assisted in the chipping the huge pile of dead and decomposing debris (not ice storm limbs) at end of Birdland, McGarys left at 11:30; Justin Allen joined me at the Williamsons, and we finished picking up Karen Dickinson's two piles in her side yard, next to her house. Expense of 1/2 day chipper and Dan Dixon cost for dump truck.

July 11 - I picked up the logs at the end of Birdland and loaded them into Dan Dixon's truck.

This is the best of my recollection from my notes and telephone calls and e-mails.

William M. Conklin

Bill Conklin

8/5/2025

William Conklin Volunteer Cleanup Synopsis:

Contractual – 9 Mile Point Association

\$600 for 18.5 hours on 4/26 and 4/27/2025 to clean up Association area after Township Board's decisions (Baranski, Collard, Kuebler, Cunningham) not to provide any assistance

Contractual obligations paid for Dan Dixon/dump truck \$400 and Charlevoix Country Club woodchipper \$200

Serviced by 6 volunteers (61 hours) and William Conklin (18.5 hours)

Non-Contractual

4/28 – 7/11/2025 Bayside Park and 65 additional homes were serviced by 17 additional volunteers (105.5 hours) and William Conklin (103 hours)

Costs Paid:

Dan Dixon Dump Truck	1,135.00
Charlevoix Country Club Woodchipper	700.00
Gasoline	242.50
Repair & Maintain Chipper	50.95
Jim Rudolph Truck Use	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	2,228.45
Donations for Equipment Costs	<u>- 600.00</u>
TOTAL PAID BY WILLIAM CONKLIN	<u>1,628.45</u>

April 26, 2025

Nick Michalek is the Superintendent of Maintenance at the Charlevoix Country Club and supervises the equipment which is owned by the Charlevoix Country Club. One of the pieces of equipment is a Vermeer woodchipper which has been used in the prior two years by Bill Conklin with Carl & Tim Parsell, as he worked maintenance part-time.

Bill Conklin, personally and individually, is organizing volunteers to assist the elderly, disabled and needy folks in Hayes Township who do not have the means to clean up the ice storm damage on their own and has requested the daily rental of the CCC woodchipper, on the weekends.

Therefore, Nick Michalek and the Charlevoix Country Club agree to rent its woodchipper to Bill Conklin at the rate of \$100 per day, to be paid at the end of the ice storm cleanup, probably in July, in order to assist the elderly, disabled and those in need in Hayes Township. Bill Conklin will be responsible for all of the gas/oil and its maintenance, if any is needed.

Bill Conklin Nick Michalek

April 20, 2025

Dan Dixon owns a smaller dump truck which is ideal to pull a woodchipper so the wood chips can be sent directly into the back of the dump truck which has doors which open to allow chips and close after being filled to safely transport the wood chips.

Bill Conklin, personally and individually, is organizing volunteers to assist the elderly, disabled and needy folks in Hayes Township who do not have the means to cleanup the ice storm damage on their own.

Therefore, Dan Dixon agrees with Bill Conklin to drive his dump truck to assist Bill Conklin and his volunteers when he schedules weekends to assist the people in need in Hayes Township at the rate of \$250.00 per day for a 10 hour day or at lesser rate, at the option of Dan Dixon. Bill Conklin will pay Dan Dixon directly on the day of the use of his dump truck and Bill Conklin acknowledges and agrees that Dan Dixon is not required to do any physical labor due to his disabilities and infirmities.

Aid = to be paid in cash.

Dan Dixon

Bill Conklin

LOC	BLDG	STREET ADDRESS	POK	BC	BLDG LIM	CONT LIM	YEAR BUILD	BF	SQ FT
1	1	09195 OLD US 31 NORTH	10-Offices	2-Joisted Masonry	588495	26082	1982	100 - Administrative Office	2544
2	1	09195 OLD US 31 N.POLE BUILDING - GARAG	15-Fire/Police	1-Frame	264000	0	2002	925 - Firehall	1200
3	1	08580BOYNE CITY RD - MAIN LODGE	10-Offices	1-Frame	1472595	348627	1979	610 - Campground	0
3	2	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B1	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	30746	0	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	3	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B2	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29363	0	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	4	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B3	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29196	0	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	5	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B4	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	28967	0	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	6	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B5	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29196	0	1960	610 - Campground	1000
3	7	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B6	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29483	0	1964	610 - Campground	1000
3	8	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN B7	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	34246	0	1964	610 - Campground	0
3	9	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G1	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	26554	0	1964	610 - Campground	1000
3	10	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G2	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29416	0	1960	610 - Campground	1000
3	11	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G3	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	30934	0	1960	610 - Campground	0
3	12	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G4	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	30873	0	1960	610 - Campground	1000
3	13	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G5	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	29527	0	1959	610 - Campground	0
3	14	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G6	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	37392	0	1963	610 - Campground	1000
3	15	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G7	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	34467	0	1963	610 - Campground	1000
3	16	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN G8	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	40252	0	1962	610 - Campground	0
3	17	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CABIN EMMET	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	33680	0	1986	610 - Campground	1000
3	20	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - CLINIC	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	44375	21083	1960	610 - Campground	0
3	21	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - BOYS SHOWER HOUSE	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	48447	46116	1963	610 - Campground	1000
3	22	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - DIRECTORS HOUSE	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	283416	41949	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	23	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - DOCTORS OFFICE	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	55466	37292	1958	610 - Campground	1000
3	25	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - REC. HALL	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	799376	0	1962	610 - Campground	0
3	26	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - LEW'S CABIN	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	44375	28573	1960	610 - Campground	0
3	27	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - SHOWER HOUSE	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	55466	0	1986	610 - Campground	0
3	28	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - POLE BARN	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	18525	0	1957	610 - Campground	0
3	29	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - WARTERFRONT SHEL	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	6173	27576	1964	610 - Campground	0
3	30	08580 BOYNE CITY RD - ARCHERY SHED	11-Parks/Recreation	1-Frame	0	8941	1964	610 - Campground	0

HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meeting Date: August 11th, 2025

Location:

Hayes Township Hall

Name	Would you like to be called on to speak during public comment?	
Shelley Dorgan	YES	NO
STA Boli's	YES	NO
Diane Conklin	YES	NO
Linda Balderson	YES	NO
Andy Balderson	YES	NO
Catherine Phelps	YES	NO
David Zipp	YES	NO
Darcy Phelps	YES	NO
David Kemmo	YES	NO
KEVIN WILLIS	YES	NO
R&D DANIEL	YES	NO
Carey Cuddeback	YES	NO
Heidi Marka	YES	NO
Nee Hutchens	YES	NO
Sherry Baker McCary	YES	NO
Betty M. Henne	YES	NO
Ellis Bond	YES	NO
Bill Henne	YES	NO
LuAnne Kozma	YES	NO

Proposal to install Swim Buoys at Camp Sea-Gull

My name is Andrew H. Balderson residing with my wife Linda at 8232 Eastern Avenue, Charlevoix, in Hayes Township.

I appreciate the opportunity to address the township's consideration of installing swim buoys at Camp Sea-Gull. I present my findings as a licensed landscape architect, a graduate of MSU school of landscape architecture, 1968. Over the course of my 50 plus years of practice, I have been licensed in 9 states including Michigan. I sold my practice in Maryland in 2019, having served as an expert witness before various county Planning Commissions, Board of Appeals, and District Courts. Throughout my career I represented a diverse clientele in the private and public sectors. My tasks included: consulting, designing, and observing the construction of hundreds of millions of dollars for site improvements, construction, and landscaping.

Whereas the proposal to install swim buoys at Camp Sea-Gull, at first glance, is a natural addition to the beautiful waterfront, doing so, in my professional opinion, is taking a noble effort and imposing it on the wrong site. Installing swim buoys implies that this amenity is safe and code compliant. Nothing is further from the truth! It is the wrong site for swim buoys for the following reasons: SAFETY AND COST

I. SAFETY

- A. The beachless shoreline is covered with round slippery rocks and fractured rocks (an example found by me from the water's edge at the August picnic.) These conditions are hazardous for walking and swimming. (see attached photo exhibit A)
- B. The existing concrete ramp accessing the shoreline is too steep and does not meet code. (see attached photo exhibit B)
- C. 4 ½' existing boulder seawall is failing and has no safety barrier. (see attached photo exhibit B)
- D. No ADA access from existing handicapped parking.
- E. The proposed swim area is subject to prevailing winds exacerbating wave action from boat traffic cruising the drop-off just off the proposed swim area. (see attached photo exhibit C)

II. COST

- A. Removing the sharp rocks and providing a sandy beach will not get permitted and would be egregiously expensive if it could be permitted.
- B. The existing concrete ramp would need to be removed, as it creates a safety hazard due to its steepness and disrepair.
- C. The existing boulder seawall would need to be modified to provide ADA access. For example, the height of the wall at 4 ½' would require 90' of ADA sidewalk.
- D. The ADA walkway mentioned above would need to connect to the existing handicapped parking at a code requirement of 5% slope.
- E. Site disturbance work to accommodate ADA access and safety issues would require significant grading, slope stabilization, tree protection, and hardscape surfacing. Engineering and permitting would be required at an exorbitant cost.
- F. Implementing a project of this magnitude is a six-figure budget for which the township has no funding.

Installing swim buoys implies that this park amenity is safe and code compliant. I submit that the site is neither safe nor code compliant. If buoys are installed without safety and ADA improvements, will the township insurance satisfy any injury claims or inadequate ADA access claims for this area?

For the above reasons I oppose any expenditure for swim buoys and installation at Camp Sea-Gull.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew H. Balderson, RLA

EXHIBIT A



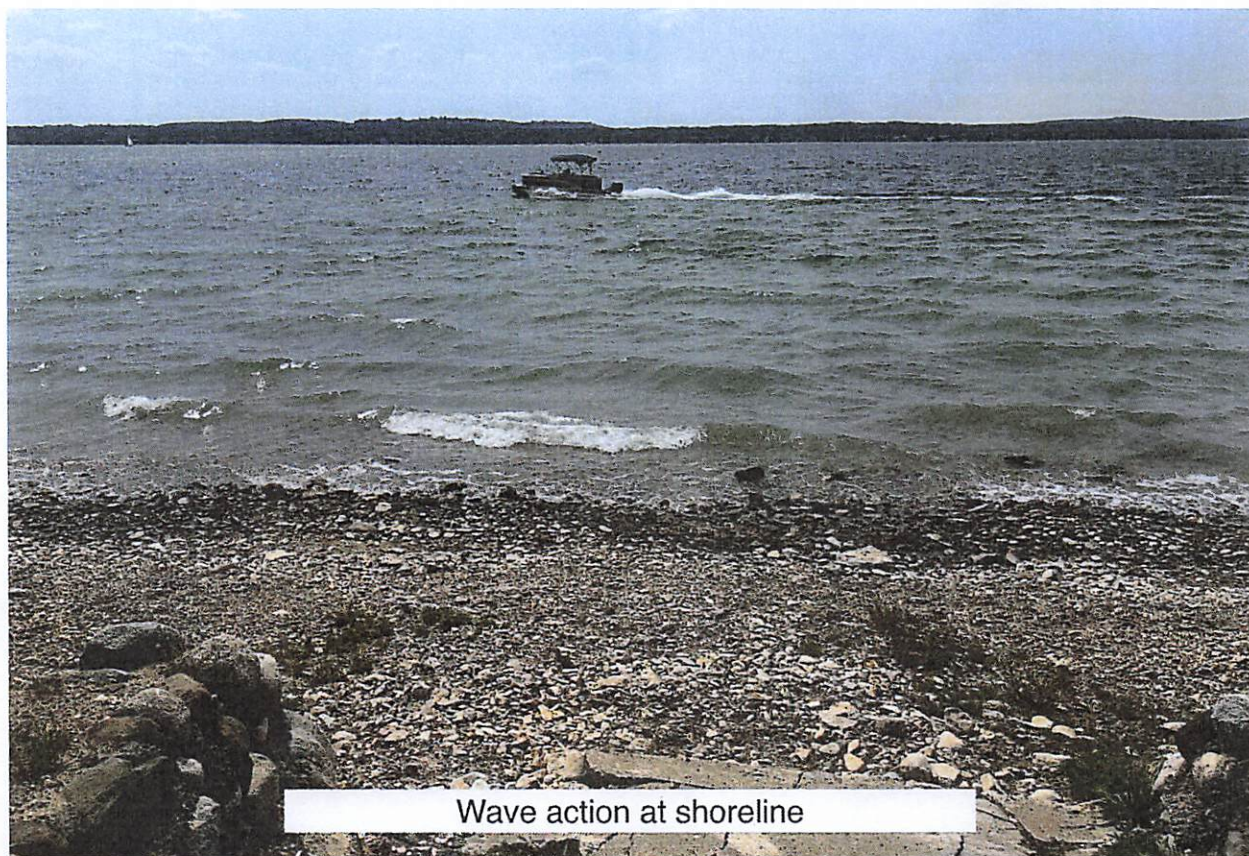
A typical sharp rock found along
Camp Sea-Gull Shoreline

EXHIBIT B



Non-code compliant ramp and seawall

EXHIBIT C



Wave action at shoreline