

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
July 14TH, 2025 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
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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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Mr. Conklin made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to move items #7 and #8 til after item #11.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

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

RESOLUTION 07142025A

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

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

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nays: Doug Kuebler **Motion Carried**

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Sustained: William Conklin

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Bob Jess was not present.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

Ms. Collard presented the Parks and Rec. report.

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

TRUSTEES:

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

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

HAYES TOWNSHIP 2025 L-4029:

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

Mr. Conklin presented a proposed change to reduce the speed limit on Townline Road between US 31 and Pincherry.

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

CEMETERY FEE SCHEDULE AND ORDINANCE:

Tabled until August 2025 BOT

VOICE NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION:

Tabled until August 2025 BOT

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

Tabled until August 2025 BOT.

SHELLEY DORGAN LETTER DATED 6.19.2025:

Tabled until August 2025 BOT

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

Comments included:

- Stated they are concerned with the amount of money spent by Supervisor Bill Conklin to prepare the Budget. Requested Bill Conklins' intention with continuing the lawsuit. Resident feels the lawsuit is dividing the community.
- Stated there are leash laws, and feel a request to reduce speed due to a pet being hit is unnecessary. Stated their neighbor has placed their fence on their property. Would like the Ordinance to have setbacks for side yard fence lines. Stated they feel the light ordinance needs to be enforced fairly.

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- Stated the board needs to use the mics better. Stated the debris is not complete on Dalton Road.
- Stated they find it unfortunate the Swim Buoys have been put off to the next meeting. Has concerns for the Maner and Costerisan contract.
- 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

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Respectfully Submitted,
April Hilton
Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary



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BOT meeting July 14, 2025 Discussion regarding speed limit in Bay Shore - Townline Rd.

1 message

Kim <kfgarden10@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 3:11 PM

To: supervisor@hayestownshipmi.gov, clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov

Dear Hayes Township Board of Trustees,

I was pleasantly surprised to see on the agenda, for July 14th, Townline Rd., between US 31 and Pincherry, regarding speed limit.

This discussion is way overdue!

This conversation has been brought up countless times over the last several years by the residents of Bay Shore. I personally even showed the Clerk in 2022 pictures and discussed the dangers present to our community regarding Townline Rd. As well as, the parallel street of Seneca Rd. that is used by commercial and non resident traffic, as a cut thru rather than using Townline Rd.

These areas have NO speed limit or even prior warning of a stop sign heading toward heavy travelled US 31.

This is an area where countless accidents occur on a weekly basis. The traffic is also very heavy at the corner of US 31 and Townline because of the gas station/convenience store.

On Townline Rd., between US 31 and Pincherry, there are residential homes on both sides of the street and has been established as a VILLAGE prior to Townline being paved.

On the Emmet County side just before Pincherry there is a large mobile home community. Between these areas, at two locations on Townline Rd., a school bus picks up and drops off children. There is also a handicap child who lives on Townline Rd. and US31.

I truly can not understand with the amount of residents who walk these streets, as well as, pedal bikers either going to the convenience store or just enjoying the outdoors, that there is no 25 mph speed limit? There are also several new families with young children who have recently moved to this community.

I personally have rescued 2 dogs that got away from their owners and were almost hit by very fast moving vehicles(as well as myself).

It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or killed!.

Last but not least, are the amount of commercial vehicles using Townline Rd.

I have attached 2 pictures of Townline Rd. standing at Petoskey Rd. intersection between US31 and Pincherry Rd.

The picture looking toward Pincherry Rd., as you can see has a rapid incline/decline. Trucks travelling on the decline are travelling at a rate of speed forcing them to use their Jake Brake.

If you are familiar with the sound you would understand why I'm bringing this up. Residents in this Village not only hear it, but feel it. This is completely unnecessary travelling through a village community.

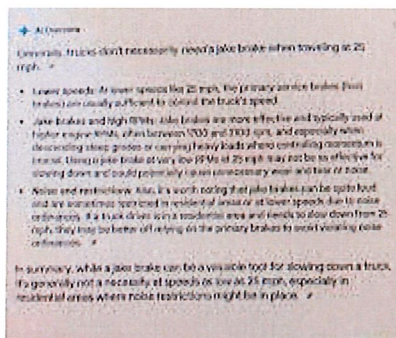
Please read the attachment on Jake Brake.

GENERALLY, TRUCKS DON'T NECESSARILY NEED A JAKE BRAKE WHEN TRAVELLING 25 MPH. This would mean trucks prior to the decline of Townline Rd. need a WARNING to decrease speed and NO JAKE BRAKE ALLOWED!!

In summary, I do not know of any residential community that does not have a 25mph speed limit?. Since I have lived here for 27 years the traffic has increased on Townline Rd., SUBSTANTIALY and it will only continue. We are a bordering community of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties and it's about time that someone on both sides starts the process to remedy this immediately. I appreciate this finally being brought to discussion.

Sincerely,
Kim Fary
Bay Shore Resident

3 attachments



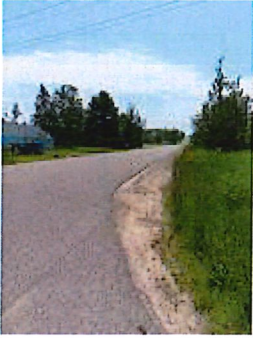
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Background on Designated Swim Area-from the Parks and Rec notes1 message

LuAnne Kozma <luannekozma@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

To: Hayes supervisor <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, "Treasurer W. Robbin Kraft" <treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov>, kristin baranski <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Matt Cunningham <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Doug Kuebler <hayestrustee5@gmail.com>

To the Board,

I note that you are taking up the Designated Swim Area request I made at tonight's meeting.

Below are some excerpts from Parks and Recreation Committee minutes from 2018, 2020 and 2021 that I made some time ago:

Feb 2018: Under Discussion: "3. We discussed the need for swim buoys to mark the swimming area at Camp Sea-Gull. Tom and Jerry will pursue developing a proposal which could be the basis for an application. A DEQ permit would be required. Tom will investigate the permit process and Jerry will research equipment costs. Plotting where the swimming area should be located will be done after the ice goes out." Also: ""5. A discussion was held about what should the elements be for 'phase 2' of Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull development. There was agreement that a pavilion, bathroom facilities and a pickle ball court should be the focus of the next phase."

June 2018: This excerpt under Old Business: "Beach buoys for Camp Sea-Gull. Jerry Simpson reported on the informal survey he and Tom did of the lakeshore. The best place may for a swimming area is east of the current launching slab. The designated swimming area should be 100 feet long and extend 50 feet out into the lake Five or Six buoys will be needed. Grant funding will be pursued.

And under New Business same meeting: "The wetland at the eastern end of the shoreland area should be left undisturbed, other than an interpretive trail to allow people to move around in the area and learn about its unique aspects. We thought this would be an attractive project for grant funding."

April 3, 2019: "4. The committee discussed seeking grant funding for equipment needed to mark off a swimming area at Camp Sea-Gull. In view of the information received from Ron VanZee, we decided to work on the necessary DEQ/USACE permit and postpone purchase of the equipment. Tom will begin the permit application.

September 4, 2019: Under New Business: "6. Updating Sea-Gull Master Plan: Tom and Leslie will meet at the township hall on Wednesday, September 11th, at 1:30 pm to begin work on updating the Camp Sea-Gull master plan as a foundation document for

the next round of grant application. Others will be invited to be involved. Michelle reminded us that the plan needs to be integrated with the township's Recreation Plan and Planning Commission 2019 survey results."

October 2, 2019: "Michelle and Tom summarized the work being done to update the park master plan, which will be needed to support future grant applications."

November 13, 2019: "4. Camp Sea-Gull Master Plan: Tom had submitted a first draft for a proposed update to the Camp Sea-Gull master plan. Following discussion, Tom agreed to add language to the draft to (1) add results from the first township survey regarding public input, (2) drop references to the political situation, (3) add language regarding the challenges presented by the site, (4) add language regarding details currently planned to be completed and (5) add references to integrate the Hayes Township Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Master Plans as well as the Charlevoix COunty recreation plans.

December 4, 2019:

"5. There was general discussion about defining the next steps for Camp Sea-Gull development. We agreed that it was not yet time to involve the public deeply in the process as there is more work we need to do to make that community engagement useful. To make progress on that work, we scheduled a special meeting in January to be focused on what should be done in the next phase of Camp Sea-Gull development. Each committee member is asked to bring a list to that special meeting (date shown below) covering 4 points: (1) Location for pavilion, (2) location for bathroom building, (3) Ideas for lay-out and equipment for waterfront and (one additional design element to be included in next round in addition to the three primary elements of waterfront, pavilion and bathrooms.

January 6, 2020:

"Tom commented that 2020 could possibly be the year of safety and public health decisions relating to our parks as we attempt to figure out budget and future plans."

January 30, 2020 Special Meeting:

"BEACH:

--only one possible location, where the current cagins are scheduled for removal

--Current water level makes the only entry point the current canoe launch ramp

--ACTION ITEMS

. . . Tom asking Jason Bards (North by Nature) about natural plantings/development for better beach access and conservation

--Tom will get DNR permit application ready for buoys top put in at beach by March meeting

. . .

--KEEP ON RADAR NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY MORE BUOYS WILL BE NEEDED AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASE AND PUTTING IN AND TAKING OUT"

2020 High Priorities:

. . .

--BUOYS INSTALLED"

January 30, 2020, Minutes

"2. Beach. Beach area will be focused on in the future."

"5. . . . Tom is looking into approval to put swim bouys at CSG."

October 5, 2020:

--there was a grant to EGLE, not awarded. Doesn't say for what.

January 4, 2021:

"Katy expressed that the biggest obstacle we still face is lack of money. Tom feels there needs to be a re-commitment to what we want Hayes Township Camp Sea Gull to be and before we apply for grants we should try to finish what was started. The three top goals were beach area, a pavilion, and bathrooms. The safety issues at the park need to be addressed as well. Leslie is very concerned about the shoreline erosion and drainage issues. Grants need extensive engineering information, and that is something our group is unable to provide. It was suggested that we place large boulders along the shore to help prevent erosion."

[I stopped taking photos there. Ran out of time.

It wasn't until May 2021 that the BOT made the resolution to go for the permit for the swim buoys/designated swim area.]

LuAnne Kozma

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The Place of Peacefulness

Thursday, August 28 - 3:00 pm
6413 Division Avenue, Charlevoix

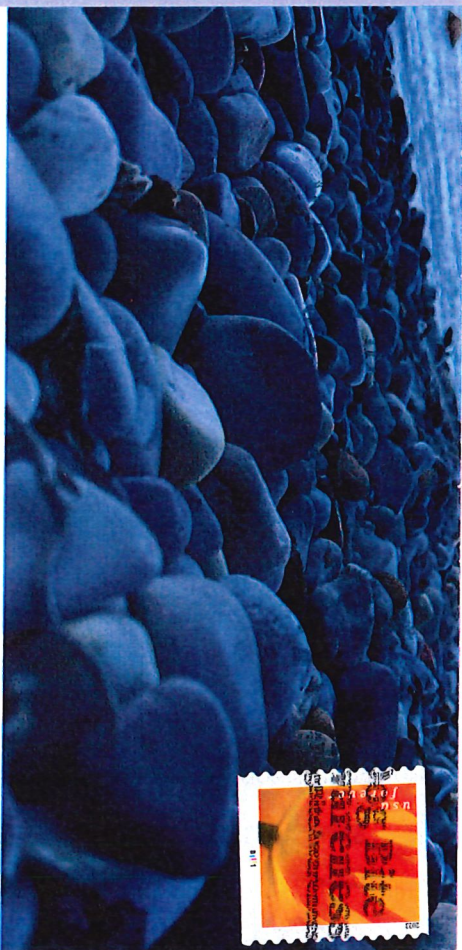
Join us as we formally dedicate this special place on Lake Michigan. Longtime home to the Odawa people, this land was protected and left undeveloped by the Hause family for many years before they sold it to become a spectacular 56-acre nature preserve. *You and nearly 150 others made this purchase possible!*

Dress for a walk along the newly-finished and universally-accessible trail and lake overlook platform. See the Marker Tree sculpture built by the students at the Industrial Arts Institute featuring a map of the historic locations of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians around Little Traverse Bay.

Please RSVP by August 21
at 231.347.0991.



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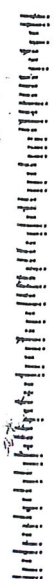


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BILL COVILIN + RON VAUZEE

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Fwd: SBA Disaster Assistance Now Available – Let's Partner to Spread the Word

1 message

Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>
To: "wmmconklin@gmail.com" <wmmconklin@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 10:56 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 1:24 PM
Subject: Re: SBA Disaster Assistance Now Available – Let's Partner to Spread the Word
To: Evans, Nathalie L. <Nathalie.Evans@sba.gov>
Cc: Jack Bergman <RepJackBergman@mail.house.gov>, <ParkerFairbairn@house.mi.gov>

Thank you for the information about the SBA Loans and the availability for such. However, the residents of Hayes Township, a rural community, are wholly unable to pay back any amount of \$\$ which might be available through the U.S. government. These individuals need a grant and only a grant to restore their properties.

Surely, some of the residents have spent \$6-12,000.00 of their own money to cleanup and restore their individual properties and perhaps do not need reimbursement, as they see it as the cost of home ownership. However, in Hayes Township there are over 60 individuals who have devastating damage to their properties, who cannot afford the cost of restoration and cleanup in their 1 acre to 10 acre sites. As Township Supervisor, I organized and worked with over 20 individual volunteers assisting the elderly and needy homeowners in cleaning up the areas around their homes, (chain saw work, hauling limbs and branches, and chipping the debris into dump trucks) over a period of 8 weekends. We have completed that phase of work rather well. The Township hired a contractor (\$30,000 which was not a budget item, which strained our resources) to haul, chip, remove the major storm debris from along the roads for people who were healthy and capable enough to drag it or haul it to the edge of the roadways.

Nonetheless, the remaining portions of many of these properties need substantial cleanup; otherwise, the pines/soft woods will be a fire hazard over the remaining hot/warm summer months in Charlevoix County-NW Michigan. I asked many of them to borrow money and each of them said "and how I am going to make payments while on social security?". This is an area where people worked all of their lives for a paycheck with no pensions, no profit-sharing, no 401k programs during their employment history - unlike the urban areas of Michigan. Please understand the hardship - but no hardship like Kerrville, Texas where lives were lost.

Therefore, if there was a method to assist these folks apart from the ones who can repay a loan, that would be appreciated and would demonstrate a different type of insight and understanding.

Appreciate all that you do,

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

On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 12:49 PM Evans, Nathalie L. <Nathalie.Evans@sba.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I hope you're having a great day.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience (ODR&R), is currently on the ground in Michigan, supporting individuals and businesses affected by the severe winter storm that occurred March 28–30, 2025. We have two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) opened with dedicated teams ready to help impacted residents access vital recovery assistance.

There's still time for one-on-one assistance with disaster loan applications.

- The DLOC in Cheboygan County located at the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, 3435 S Straits Hwy., Indian River, MI 49749, will be permanently closing on July 10th, at 4 p.m.
- The DLOC in Emmet County, located at the Little Traverse Township building at 8288 S. Pleasantview Rd., Harbor Springs, 49740, will be permanently closing on July 12th, at 2 p.m.

- Extended to 7/26!



Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

SBA Disaster Assistance Now Available – Let's Partner to Spread the Word

Garrett, Julie H. <Julie.Garrett@sba.gov>

Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 3:29 PM

To: "supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com" <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Cc: "RepJackBergman@mail.house.gov" <RepJackBergman@mail.house.gov>, "ParkerFairbairn@house.mi.gov" <ParkerFairbairn@house.mi.gov>, "Evans, Nathalie L." <Nathalie.Evans@sba.gov>

Dear Mr. Conklin,

My colleague, Public Affairs Specialist Nathalie Evans, forwarded your email.

First, it sounds like you and Hayes Township have already done much to help your residents. They are lucky to have such generous and caring advocates. We work on disasters across the Eastern U.S. and see over and over how difficult it is for low-income seniors to recover after a disaster. We understand the quandary your people are in. Unfortunately, SBA does not offer ANY disaster recovery grants to anyone – not to homeowners, businesses, renters or non-profits – so we cannot help in the sense of grant money. Your state has applied for a Presidential declaration which would bring FEMA to the aid of Michiganders. SBA is here in the meantime with the disaster loan program.

I spoke to Perry Burger about your email and received her permission to share her contact information with you. She would be the person with the state who would hear of grant options for your people.

Penny Burger
Risk Reduction and Recovery Section Manager
Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
BurgerP@michigan.gov

Re: the disaster loan program -- There is no minimum amount for a disaster loan; there are no payments for the first year; and the loans are very low interest (a low-income borrower would most likely get the 2.75 percent interest rate). The terms are up to 30 years to make the payments affordable. A senior's age would not prevent them from getting a loan. Loans of \$14K or less require no collateral. For loans larger than that, SBA would put a note on their property.

If you want to encourage your residents to **try** to apply for a loan, and you are not near either of the two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers currently operating, we can see about sending an SBA disaster specialist to your township office so that your people could receive help with their applications, right in their neighborhood.

All the best,

Julie

Julie Garrett

Public Affairs Specialist

Field Operations Center - East

Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience

U.S. Small Business Administration

Currently serving as public affairs lead for MI 21127

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MI 21127 – Severe Winter Storms – March 28-30, 2025 – Learn more at <https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/?disaster=MI-20034>

For one-on-one assistance, please visit **SBA's Recovery Center Locator and Appointment Scheduling tool** at <https://appointment.sba.gov/schedule/>

From: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 1:24 PM

To: Evans, Nathalie L. <Nathalie.Evans@sba.gov>

Cc: Jack Bergman <RepJackBergman@mail.house.gov>; ParkerFairbairn@house.mi.gov

Subject: Re: SBA Disaster Assistance Now Available – Let's Partner to Spread the Word

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Hayes Jwp Board, June 20/25

I want you all to know
how much I appreciate
the service you rendered
by hiring that company
to clean up ice storm
brush! It was a very good
service for township
residents who pay taxes!

Thank you ---

Marsha Steward



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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clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

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

June 20, 2025

Hayes Township Board
9195 Major Douglas Sloane Rd
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Dear Township Board

As a resident of Hayes Township, I want to express my deep concern for the conduct of this board. I believe you need to be reminded that you represent everyone in the township and your behavior as township representatives reflects badly on all of us. I have spoken to many people outside of the township as well as within our township and everyone is surprised and dismayed by your juvenile behavior.

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As examples of Mr Conklin's leadership, he has generously given of his time to help residents clean up after a once-in-a-life-time natural disaster. He reached out and found people to help with the clean up as well as applying for funds to offset the costs.

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I do not expect you to all become best friends, but I do expect respect, kindness and cooperation which I believe would go a long way to repairing the reputation of Hayes Township.

Sincerely

Susan Bice
Raybrown H. Bice

Hayes Township Board
9195 Major Douglas Sloane Rd
Charlevoix, MI 49720

I have been attending many the board meetings either in person or on Zoom.
I am very disappointed on how many of the board members have treated the new Supervisor,
Bill Conklin.

Your behavior reminds me of some in my 5th grade class who mistreated a fellow classmate
elected as class president because their chosen one (a friend) did not win. I had thought this
board was mature enough to accept a winning elected supervisor with respect. So far, I have not
seen happen with this Township Board.

I have talked to a number of neighbors and other residents of Hayes Township, and all have been
shocked at the boards behavior.

I am aware of a letter sent to the board expressing dismay at your behavior toward Bill during
many of the board meetings.

Respect and cordiality of the board members, including to the supervisor, is the only way to
achieve the best for Hayes Township.

Regards,



Melvin H. Czechowski, Ph.D.

June 20, 2025

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Sincerely

J. Eller Rudolph
Jim Rudolph

June 23, 2025

Hayes Township Board
9195 Major Douglas Sloane Rd.
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Dear Township Board:

As a past resident and continued lover of Hayes Township, I want to express my deep concern for the conduct of four members of this Board (Julie Collard, Kristin Baranski, Matt Cunningham, and Doug Kuebler). I believe you need to be reminded that you represent everyone in the Township, and the behavior of the four of you as Township representatives reflects badly on the entire Township. I have spoken to many people within Hayes Township who are dismayed by your juvenile and unprofessional behavior.

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As examples of Bill's leadership, he has generously given his time to help residents clean up after the once-in-a-lifetime ice storm disaster. He reached out and found people to help with the clean up as well as applying for funds to offset the costs.

Bill just presented an outstanding budget to the board. You then all added your pet projects thereby adding well over \$150,000 and, once again, spending more than your budget allows. At some point you have to realize you cannot keep spending more money than you are taking in. If the increase in tax revenue does not meet the increase in salaries, etc., then adjustments need to be made.

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Sincerely,

Winnie Boal

Winnie Boal
wlboal@gmail.com
231-547-6859

June 20, 2025

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Sincerely

Leslee Pearson

Woody J. Pearson

To whom it may concern,

My name is Baude Seitz and I stay over on pincherry road in the Hayes township. I want this to go on documented record with the municipality of Hayes township. After the storm, I spoke to Bill Conklin about the clean up. Because of the severity of the damage Bill told me that he would speak to the clean up service and ask if they would pull onto the property to grab the brush piles because there was far too much to get everything piled up front. Bill told me that he spoke to the lead on the clean up and that it was no problem at all. I was told by bill that they would grab all of the piles if they were stacked neatly. So I restacked everything and moved it to locations that were more convenient for them to grab very easily. No one ever came to take these piles like I was told by Bill Conklin. They cleaned the front, my neighbor spoke to a crew about cleaning up the piles in back and they said they knew about them. I called Bill to ask if they were planning on coming back and he reassured me that they were but they were having chipper and vehicle issues. They never came and did what I was told. I was able to get a chipper to take care of some of it. Bill called me recently to inform me that I can take out a loan to take care of the work, that I was told by him, was going to be taken care of and reassured me that it was not a problem. This is what Bill Conklin said to me after the fact in a voicemail transcription about how I can go into debt to clean up the piles of brush from the ice storm that he told me was going to be done, multiple times.

"SBA loan Or Or you know storm Repair storm Anything you may need and just thinking in the back of your property all of that stuff So they're giving Set loans. You don't make any payments First year, And they're very you know, you can spread them over 15 years like 20 or \$30 a month. Might Might wanna if You don't clean up or get rid of and you don't have Sure \$3000 Hire someone to do Anyway, I just thought of you so give me a call when you have a moment"

~Bill Conklin

After calling Bill back he informed me that I can take out a loan with a low interest rate to pay for cleaning up my yard or anything else.

All I want to know is why the work was not completed and why I am being advised to take out loans by a member of my townships board?

Best Regards,

Baude Seitz

414-509-4495



7/13/2025