

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
April 13th 2026 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720

The April 13th, 2026, 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), William Conklin (Supervisor), Kristin Baranski (Clerk), and Doug Kuebler (Trustee)
Audience Members signed in: Carey Cuddeback, Mark Snyder, Ellis Boal, LuAnne Kozma, Betty Henne, Carol Umlor, Steve Hassell, Bruce Deckinga, Mel Czechowski, Jim Rudolph, CT Martin, Jim McMahon, Diane McMahon, Rick Daniel, Denise Daniel, Linda Balderson, Mandy McKay, Bob Fowler, Gerald Mills, and Roy Griffiths.

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NONE.

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Change item# 11 to include an additional nomination with the one for Carey Cuddeback.
Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comment opened at 7:02 pm.

- Recent FOIA request charge, ZBA appeal case, Attorney Fees, Refund Appellants for second appeal case, would like the Short Term Rental and the Data Center workshop meetings dates and times posted on the website for the public to know when to attend, new Zoning Ordinance draft be posted for the public to review soon, Short reports from the Board representative on the Short Term Rental and Data Center work group progress, Drainage issue on Nine Mile Point Drive.

Closed at 7:14 pm

APPROVAL OF MARCH 9TH 2026 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the March 9th, 2026, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as corrected.

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

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Nays: None **Motion Carried**

TREASURERS REPORT

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

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to amend the 25/26 budget as discussed by pulling \$14,000 from the Hayes Township Reserves. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Clerk, Kristin Baranski, presented the warrants in the amount of \$44,047.42

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Conklin to approve Township warrants out of the General Fund in the amount of \$44,047.42. 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 Mr. Kuebler 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 stated Hayes Township has a May 5th 2026 Special Election. 539 permit absentee voter ballots have been issued and 103 have been returned.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT Bob Jess was not present.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT Ms. Collard presented the Parks and Rec. report.

The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2026 at 4:00pm at Hayes Township Park Camp Seagull.

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the purchase and placement of two Swim Buoys at Hayes Township Park / Camp Seagull for a swim area and three new swim buoys for Eastern Avenue Beach to not exceed \$2500. Seasonal installation and removal of the swim buoys will be donated by Lyon's Marine Construction.

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

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Nays: None _____ Motion Carried

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve Ray Cunningham, at the increased cost of \$600 to install and remove the swim buoys at Eastern Avenue Park.

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

Nays: None _____ Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is April 21st, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ZBA held a public hearing meeting at 6pm on March 18th, 2026 for a public hearing to hear two appeal cases. They determined on appeal case# 022526A, that the Zoning Permit was issued consistent with the provisions of the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicants withdrew appeal case 022526B, contingent on the refund of the full fee charge. ZBA approved the Meeting Minutes from March 18th 2026 Public hearing at the Administrative meeting held on April 1st 2026. The next scheduled ZBA Administrative Meeting is on May 6th 2026 at 7pm.

TRUSTEE'S:

The board came to a consensus to allow Lyons Marine Construction to store the Circulators for Hayes Township Park / Camp Seagull.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT April Hilton presented a Zoning Administrator report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

NEW BUSINESS

HAYES TOWNSHIP PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE (MTA):

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Conklin to adopt the Hayes Township Principles of Governance as presented.

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

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Nays: None Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT CAREY CUDDEBACK (3 YEAR TERM EXPIRING 11.15.2028):

Mr. Conklin made a nomination for Jonathon Purdy to the Hayes Township Planning Commission, Supported by Ms. Baranski for discussion purposes.

Mr. Cunningham would like to see Mark Snyder re-appointed, his background in real estate gives a unique point of view for the Planning Commission.

Ms. Collard stated Mr. Purdy is on the Data Center Work group and he seem to be very knowledgeable, however would like to wait for him to complete the task on the work group before asking for further commitment from him.

Mr. Kuebler stated Mark Snyder has done a great job on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Conklin stated he finds someone with a real estate background has a conflict of interest on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Baranski would like Jonathan Purdy to have more experience with being on the Data Center Work group.

Mr. Conklin withdrew his nomination of Jonathan Purdy.

Mr. Conklin made a nomination for Carry Cuddeback to the Hayes Township Planning Commission for a 3 year term expiring 11.15.2028. Supported by Ms. Baranski.

Mr. Conklin made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to appoint Carey Cuddeback for a three-year term on the Planning Commission expiring 11.15.2028.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

UPDATE ON ZONING ORDINANCE DRAFT:

Ms. Cuddeback updated the Board of Trustees on the Zoning Ordinance Draft and what to expect going forward with this project.

FIREWORK ORDINANCE:

Mr. Conklin made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham, to table this agenda item to allow the board to research the State regulations and create a draft ordinance on Fireworks.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK/CAMP SEAGULL HOST HOUSE DOOR PROPOSALS:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to accept the bid from Northwoods Handyman Services in the amount of \$3,247.65 for the Hayes Township Host House Sliding Glass Door replacement project. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

HAYES TOWNSHIP POLICIES/PROCEDURES ASSIGNMENTS:

Board Members discussed updating the Hayes Township Policies and Procedures. Each Board member was assigned separate policies and Procedure areas to research and suggest changes for the next Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 HAYES TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS:

The Board of Trustees discussed the Charlevoix County Road Commission engineers estimates for the Hayes Township 2026 road projects.

Discussion included:

- Shrigley Road and Pincherry Road are priority.

The board came to a consensus to approve Charlevoix County to put Shrigley Road project out for bid if possible. Clerk Baranski will reach out to Jim Vanek.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 9:12 pm.

Comments included:

- The approval of MTA recommended Principles of Governance, Work groups for Short Term Rentals and Data Center ordinances should be made public, requested more information regarding the rumors about data centers, Supervisor Report containing conflicting Information, Reports presented to the public regarding the work groups discussion, in order to avoid more attorney cost the supervisor should waive his argument against the Township, would like to know why the Supervisor opened the Short term rental work group to the public without board approval, Michigan Shores roads repair project clarification, Drainage issues at Michigan Shores, Supports chip and seal being used on Michigan Shore roads before the roads get too bad, Supports

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the work groups not being open to the public yet and reminds people to be kind to one another, Concerned the speed will increase on Shrigley road if repaired.
Public comments closed at 9:30 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

Mr. Conklin stated the drainage on Nine Mile Point is considered for repair and the concerns will be submitted to Mr. Weeks.

Ms. Baranski supports the request for kindness and respect towards the Work groups, reminding everyone that these are volunteers from the community willing to help the township.

Mr. Conklin stated he had spoken with the Township Attorney before announcing the Work Groups as public. Requested to know if the board members feel these work groups should be open to the public or not.

Ms. Baranski believes the work groups should decide.

Mr. Cunningham stated he feels they should all be open to the public, however maybe not include public comment.

Ms. Collard stated as the board rep on the data center work group, they want to have time to educate themselves and discuss as a group before opening it to public inout during the work group meetings, however she encourages all public correspondence to be submitted to the group.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cunningham made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski, to adjourn at 9:39 p.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