

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
June 8th 2026 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720

The June 8th, 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), William Conklin (Supervisor), Kristin Baranski (Clerk), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), and Julie Collard (Treasurer)

Audience Members signed in: Dan Thorp, Diane Conklin, Roy Griffiths, Mary Mills, Gerry Mills, Mel Czechowski, Carol Umlor, Steve Hassell, Betty Henne, Bob Fowler, Barb Hernden, Tim Boyko, CT Martin, Del Terrill, Joshua Case, Evan Riesenbeck, Bradley Hunter, Jade Wallace, Katherine Simon, Ellis Boal, Luanne Kozma, and Steven Hernden.

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NONE.

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Remove Item #15 Resolution 06082026B Hayes Township Community Event Resolution.

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

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

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

- Fire Chief Dan Thorp stated he would recommend the Board of Trustees sell the Fire Truck they have in the Hayes Township Fire Barn, and he will replace it with a Charlevoix Township truck. He has reached out to the college and other fire departments in the area, and no one has shown interest in purchasing the truck. There are also supplies in the fire barn that he would recommend the board remove as well. The board will be working with the Township Attorney and Fire Chief and deciding on the sale of the fire truck at their next meeting.
- Disappointed the Short Term Rental and Data Center and Zoning Ordinance draft projects are not on the Agenda for a quick summary of the progress of each, check with the Township Attorney on how much the Township can sell the Fire Truck for there may be specific rules, Policy and Procedure updates that the board discussed changing at a previous board meeting, Result of an EGLE investigation, and Hayes Township Park Shoreline Erosion.

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Closed at 7:16 pm

APPROVAL OF May 11TH 2026 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve the May 11th, 2026, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 1 2026 BOT BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to approve the June 1, 2026, Board of Trustees Budget Workshop minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

TREASURERS REPORT

A written report reporting all Hayes Township account balances was presented by Ms. Collard.

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard to amend the 25/26 budget as discussed. Budget Amendments report attached. A roll call was taken.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Clerk, Kristin Baranski, presented the warrants in the amount of \$40,299.95

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to approve Township warrants out of the General Fund in the amount of \$40,299.95. A roll call was taken.

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

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Nays: None **Motion Carried**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Bob Jess was not present.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

The next regular Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled for the end of June.

PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is June 16th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA did not meet. Next scheduled ZBA Meeting is July 1st 2026 where two ZBA Variance Cases will be heard.

TRUSTEE'S:

Mr. Cunningham stated the Buoys were installed at Eastern Avenue Beach and the Buoys for Camp Seagull will be installed now that the permits have been received.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT April Hilton presented a Zoning Administrator report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

William Conklin presented a supervisor report.

NEW BUSINESS

SET ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 9TH, 2026 AT 10AM AND PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR AUGUST 4TH, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION JULY 9TH, 2026 AT 11AM:

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to set the Election Commission Meeting for July 9th 2026 at 10:00 am followed by the Public Accuracy test at 11:00 am.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

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HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK WELL HOUSE PROPOSALS:

The board came to a consensus to table this agenda item for further research.

HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK SHORELINE EROSION:

The board came to a consensus to table this agenda item for further research.

DRAFT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027:

A rough draft of the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year budget was presented to the board and public for review before the June 23rd 2026 Budget Hearing at 7:00pm.

RESOLUTION 06082026 HAYES TOWNSHIP FREE FOOD PANTRY AND HOLIDAY MEAL BOX PROGRAM RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HAYES TOWNSHIP

Resolution No: 06082026

Hayes Township Free Food Pantry and Holiday Meal Box Program Resolution

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hayes Township recognizes that food insecurity affects residents within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to establish an accessible, community-driven resource to support neighbors in need while fostering a spirit of mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will utilize existing township property to maximize public accessibility without incurring programmatic operational costs to taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Hayes Township hereby authorizes the establishment of the Hayes Township Free Food Pantry, featuring both an indoor distribution station and an outdoor weather-resistant pantry structure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the operation, stocking, and weekly maintenance of both pantry structures shall be completely volunteer-run and 100% donation-based, relying entirely on the generosity of community members, local organizations, and businesses; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure public health and community safety, the Township Clerk Kristin Baranski, and the Township Treasurer Julie Collard are hereby designated to monitor food inventory and strictly oversee expiration dates on a regular basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board grants explicit permission for the pantry to expand its year-round services by organizing and distributing curated holiday meal boxes at the end of December to local families in need, with the understanding that this initiative will be 100% funded through food pantry donations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Township Board of Hayes Township on this 8th day of June, 2026.

Ms. Collard made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve resolution 06082026 Hayes Township Free Food Pantry and Holiday Meal Box Program Resolution.

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

Nays: **Motion Carried**

SET BOARD OF REVIEW JULY DATES JULY 21ST, 2026 AT 12PM

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to set the July Board of Review date for Tuesday July 21 2026 at 12:00 pm until business concludes.

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

Nays: **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 8:21 pm.

Comments included:

- Legal Services expense on Budget Draft, Zoning Administrator performance, Potential Zoning Violations with in the township,
- Public comments closed at 8:26 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

Ms. Baranski stated the VanElslander property meets all setbacks.

Ms. Collard will update the website calendar with all the upcoming meeting dates.

Mr. Conklin stated the next Short Term Rental work group meeting is June 10th 2026 at 7:00pm and the next Data Center work group meeting is July 8th 2026 6:30pm. He will also be attending with all the Charlevoix County Township Supervisors on June 24th 2026 to

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discuss a firework ordinance. The Policy and Procedures updates are being held up because he personally has not had time to look at the procedures he was tasked with.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

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

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

April Hilton Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary