

**HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 14, 2017**

The special meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron VanZee at 7:03 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N., Charlevoix.

Board members present were Marlene Golovich, Robin Kraft, Paul Hoadley, Matt Cunningham and Ron VanZee. Audience members signed in were Gary Janz & Omar Feliciano.

**REVIEWED AGENDA** – Added: Bike trail financial pledge, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee appointment.

Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to adopt the agenda with additions. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments.

**CREDIT CARD FOR CLOUD PAYMENTS** – Paul Hoadley made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to authorize the use of the Township credit card to pay for ongoing cloud storage costs.

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Paul Hoadley, Ron VanZee, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich  
Nays:  
Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR** – Paul Hoadley and Ron Van Zee interviewed applicants for the township assessor vacancy. Paul Hoadley made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to hire Alisa Abiney as the Hayes Township Assessor for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. The salary will be \$24,174.00 as proposed for the fiscal year 2017/18. The assessor will be available in the Township 2 days a week.

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Paul Hoadley, Ron VanZee, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich  
Nays:  
Motion carried.

**HOT WATER HEATER** – The township hall water heater has a bad anode. R.L. Wojan was called to assess the water heater. Because of the location of the anode and the age of the water heater his proposal was to replace the water heater. He presented a proposal of \$950.00 for a 40 gallon propane water heater or \$1,750.00 for a tankless propane water heater. Board consensus was to call MacGregor Plumbing & Heating and have them assess the water heater and provide the township with a quote. Clerk to call MacGregors.

**WEB PAGE PROPOSAL** – Omar Feliciano presented the Township with a proposal (see attached) to maintain and update the Township web page. Omar stated that it requires a lot of commitment on his part as he is essentially on call 24/7. He monitors all upgrades, makes sure we are government compliant, and posts all the documents. Omar feels he needs to be fairly compensated for his time. Omar stated that to be vested ~~hed~~ he needs to feel his serivces are ~~weth~~ worth something. The job requires a lot of his time. He is proposing a raise from \$200.00 monthly to \$800.00 monthly. The raise would include what he is currently doing and the

additional items listed in his proposal. Currently the Township pays his monthly fee, an annual fee for a domain name, \$5.00 monthly for security and \$9.00 monthly for hosting. Clerk Golovich presented an informal survey of other townships in the county (see attached) to see what they are charged for web page updates. Omar stated that to put packets on the web page would require him to scan the document, make the files smaller so that people without Charter will be able to open them. Paul asked Omar what his fee would be if the township did not add additional responsibilities but his job remained the same. Omar replied that he would need \$400.00 monthly. Ron stated that Omar does a great job. Ron also suggested that we get one other proposal to compare. The Board needs more information. Paul stated that the sexton gets paid \$5000.00 a year compared to Omar's current \$2400.00 year. Clerk to put web page on the July agenda.

Public comment was taken on costs, and other available IT information, additions to agendas, transparency, and cloud prices.

**MTA PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE** – Move to July agenda.

**PHONES** – Supervisor VanZee presented a quote from AT&T for phones and iPads. Ron needs a computer or iPad to work at home. Paul stated that he feels the rest of the Board does not need iPads or phones.

**NON MOTORIZED TRAIL** – Matt Cunningham made a motion, supported by Paul Hoadley to authorize the Clerk & Treasurer to work together to pay Charlevoix County the previously approved \$39,000.00 contribution to the non-motorized trail being constructed within Hayes Township. The funds are to be paid from the Metro Act account.

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Paul Hoadley, Ron VanZee, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

Nays:

Motion carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT** – Paul reported the date of the annual Township get-together has been set for August 19. Paul stated he is worried about the lack of a building and the plans and the costs for the get-together. The host house painting is almost done, leak at old cabin took five days to fix, amendments to the host rules has been presented (clerk will check with insurance about requiring host to have CPR training), a group made a presentation on pickle ball. Clerk Golovich explained that the reason the leak took so long to fix is they did not want to shut the whole park water system down to repair the leak because the system would need to be restarted with sanitizing and water samples to the County. The leak was slowed down while parts were purchased to completely stop the leak. Eastern Ave. beach clean-up has been arranged. Clean up date at Camp Sea-Gull has been set for June 24. Some confusion existed about the disposal of old items in the pole barn. The hosts recommended purchasing a back pack leaf blower and a chainsaw.

Public comment taken on available tents for the get-together and Omar volunteered his Irish music band for the event.

Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Paul Hoadley to accept Omar Feliciano's resignation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Marlene Golovich made a motion, supported by Paul Hoadley to appoint Anna Harmeling to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to complete Omar Feliciano's term. Motion carried.

Public comment was taken on the voting age of committee members.

**REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** – No meeting

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Robbin reported that she is getting ready to send the summer tax bills. She also stated that the report from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is important and should be ~~share~~ **shared** with the public.

**TRUSTEES REPORT** – Matt Cunningham presented a written report (see attached) on his meeting with the Charlevoix Township Fire Dept. The Charlevoix Township fire dept. would like Hayes to double the size of the existing fire barn to house County emergency equipment, a grass fire truck, shelving and rest rooms. There may be funding to pay for ½ of the cost. Matt will look for funds from FEMA, the County and grants to cover the cost. The Charlevoix Township fire dept. would also like Hayes to install additional wet hydrants on Maple Grove Rd. and Quarterline Rd.

Matt stated he felt blindsided about the agenda item for boat launch bids being added at the Monday, June 12 meeting. He felt it was ~~done on purpose~~ **left off the agenda on purpose**. He also felt that Mike Dow was insulted. Matt stated that Mike was a major donor for the park and he presented a petition **with 195 signatures** at the June 12 meeting. Matt feels his petition was snubbed by the motion made to move forward with bids for the boat launch. Matt stated he does not believe ~~in that~~ **the park plan is funded** and has issues with the bubbler systems being proposed for the fishing pier and the restrooms being vault toilets. The bubbler system needs maintenance and inspection all winter. Matt stated he believes the plan is going in the wrong direction with this style of pier

Paul stated that he felt that Ron had a conversation with Jim Malewitz prior to the Monday meeting that we would not be talking about moving forward with the bids. Paul also stated that he appreciates Matt's concerns. Paul stated that the public knows where we stand and he is glad we made the decision to move on.

Matt stated he liked what Mike Dow was saying about a smaller road and boat launch.

Robbin stated that the road is the foundation of the park.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** – Ron stated that he did not tell Malewitz he could not get a motion. He stated he asked Malewitz if he was looking for a motion and Jim said no. Ron also stated he felt blindsided by the motion at the June 12 meeting regarding the bids. Bob Crandall will be starting at the waterfront with the pumping, filling and crushing of existing septic tanks. Craig Golovich will be helping Crandall. Ron still needs to get a written proposal from Crandall. Ron also stated that he would like to review the rules regarding spring clean-ups and what items can be put out. A letter was received the attorneys requesting the large FOIA documents. The letter has been passed on to the Hayes Township attorney for review. Nothing has been accomplished by Grady Graham

regarding ordinance violation and court case. His time allowed to come into compliance with the judgement is running out. Grady is now asking to keep his deck that is in violation in exchange 1 additional foot of greenbelt. He is required to plant a 25' greenbelt the full length of his property and he is proposing 26'. Ron & Larry met with him and he has presented a replanting plan to Larry. Ron stated he is not inclined to give him any more concessions except to extend the June 15 deadline. Paul suggested not extending the deadline to see if he would come back with the full 50' of greenbelt. Marlene suggested giving him the time extension to June 30 but remove the deck and plant the 25' greenbelt. Robbin stated go with the court order, remove the deck, plant the greenbelt but give him the time extension. Matt asked how long he was given and Ron responded approximately 3 months. Matt stated he should comply with the court order but with the time extension. Ron stated he is ok with the extension but he must comply with the court order.

Robbin made a motion, supported by Matt Cunningham to give Grady Graham until the end of June to comply with the court order as written. Motion passed.

Ron stated he has received a lot of calls since Monday night. He wants the opportunity to inform the public why he voted the way he did on the OMA/recording secretary and the boat launch.

Public comments were taken on June 12 meeting, the petition presented, budget presentation, boat launch plans, donors, promises not kept, Board process, cost documents, value of cafeteria, removal of buildings, public notifications, fishing pier, and budget summary.

Robbin made a motion, supported by Matt Cunningham to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted

Marlene Golovich  
Hayes Township Clerk

Minutes approved as corrected July 10, 2017