

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 GENERAL MEETING**

Board Members Present: Mary Sanders, Supervisor; Richard Ross, Clerk; Jessica Geiger, Treasurer; Brad Kilbourn, Trustee, and Lisa Daly, Trustee.

Visitors Present: 12

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the General Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from the August 8, 2023 meeting. Motion by Brad Kilbourn and seconded by Lisa Daly to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report, showing income of \$54,215.06 (including \$46,266.00 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$14,319.29 was reviewed. (Complete financial report is attached.) Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	2,818.00
State of Michigan	State withholding	1,930.64
A Cut Above Tree Service	Cemetery tree work	1,500.00
Tru-green Processing Center		438.80
Pitney Bowes Global Financial		206.97
Charter Communications		127.97
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	504.57
Mary Sanders	Reimbursements	705.00
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	403.42
Choice Publications	Publish minutes	92.40
Payroll		<u>10,915.13</u>
Total		\$19,642.90

Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Lisa Daly to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS, NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Zoning Issues: Dan Burroughs, a resident of Lake Arrowhead, made a complaint regarding people in the Township doing unauthorized business out of their homes, yards with abandoned vehicles, and trash. He stated that the area is zoned forest/recreational and requested the Township/County coordinate to enforce the Zoning Ordinance.

Campers: Residents from Lindsey Lane are concerned that the situation where people are residing in campers has still not been addressed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Dana Wingo presented highlights of the Commissioners meeting.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Zoning Petitions: Mary Sanders reported that all three cases presented at last month's meeting were denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Road Projects 2024: Suggested road projects for 2024 include Mt. Frederick, Pencil Lake, and VanTyle.

Eagle Scout Project/Memorial Garden: Andrew Kilbourn made a report on materials used and costs for his Eagle Scout project of improvements to the Hayes Township Memorial Garden.

Election 2024/Nine Days Voting: Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn approving of Township participation in a joint agreement with Otsego County to conduct nine days of early voting for 2024 election cycle. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Otsego County Fire Department Audit/Extra Payment: Mary Sanders reported on the Fire Department budget issues. The Fire Board has put a spending freeze in place and must get approval before any spending. There is a \$160,000 deficit and additional money from the Townships will be needed. Hayes Township share is \$26,016.00.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS:

Township Hall/Cemetery Grounds: Brad Kilbourn volunteered to take care of lawns at the Hall and Cemetery for next year.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 PM.

Richard Ross, Clerk