

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023 GENERAL MEETING**

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

Visitors Present: Seven

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 October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report, showing income of \$56,510.58 (including \$54,830 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$324,692.82 (including \$150,000 for Hayes Tower Road improvements and \$150,000 for Old Stump Road improvements) was reviewed. (Complete financial report is attached.) Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Lisa Daly to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	2,818.02
Andrew Kilbourn	Memorial Garden Eagle Scout project	405.89
Choice Publications	Publish synopsis of minutes	39.60
Trugreen Processing Center	Weed & Feed Lawns	219.40
Michigan Municipal Treasurers Assoc.	Membership Dues	99.00
ElectionSource	Election Supplies	537.12
Otsego County Fire Board	Balance of 2023-2024 contract	32,520.00
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	324.69
Mary Sanders	Reimbursements	175.00
Otsego County Historical Society	Annual contribution 2023	200.00
Climate Engineering LLC	Zone Valve Repair	168.00
Aileen Champion	11/7/23 election	84.00
Susan Anaya	11/7/23 election	126.00
Amy Kotsko	11/7/23 election	98.00
Rachel Leadford	11/7/23 election	182.00
Thomas Masar	11/7/23 election	240.00
Brian Philipppy	11/7/23 election	98.00
Gabby VanLuchene	11/7/23 election	210.00
Payroll		<u>10,915.12</u>
Total		\$49,459.84

Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Lisa Daly to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Energy Project/Caple Ranch: Francisco Galeano and David D’Onofrio, representatives from RWE, made preliminary comments regarding an upcoming solar energy project on the Caple Ranch property. A formal presentation will be given at next month's meeting on December 12, 2023. There will be a public meeting and presentation at the Township Hall on January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Solar/Wind State Control Resolution: Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Lisa Daly in support of Resolution 2023-VIII opposing State control of solar/wind projects.

Roll call vote:

Brad Kilbourn:	Yes
Lisa Daly	Yes
Mary Sanders	Yes
Richard Ross	Yes
Jessie Geiger	Yes

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Dana Wingo presented highlights of the Commissioners meeting.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Township Hall Rental Revisions: Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Jessie Geiger to approve revisions to the Hall rental policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Updates: Mary Sanders reported on implementation of the Fire Department budget plan.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Road Repairs: Carol Leser, a resident of Manuka Lake, commented about the need for road repairs in her area.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS:

Richard Ross: Due to a recent fatal accident, he suggested installing a flashing light at the intersection of Hayes Tower and VanTyle Roads.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2024, 6:00 PM.

Richard Ross, Clerk