

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES DECEMBER 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: 22

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 November 14, 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 \$1,407.49 and expenditures of \$49,961.65 (including \$32,510.00 for Otsego County Fire Board/2nd half of 2023-24 contract) was reviewed. (Complete financial report is attached.) Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

Kent Barden	Board of Review	46.18
Judith Mummert	Board of Review	46.18
Kevin Sagasser	Board of Review	44.15
U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	2,840.92
State of Michigan	State withholding	1,930.64
Michigan Assessors Association	Annual Dues	95.00
Alma Carr	Rental refund	25.00
Suzy Defeyter	Hall rental refund	75.00
Johnson Oil Co. & Johnson's Propane	Town Hall Propane	558.23
Charter Communications	Town Hall Telephone/Internet	127.97
Choice Publications	Publish synopsis of minutes	39.60
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	Postage Meter Lease	206.97
Mid-North Printing, Inc.	News Letter and Office Supplies	746.10
Crossroads Industries, Inc.	News Letter Fold/Stuff/Postage	1,499.22
Common Angle	Website Hosting	291.50
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	562.67
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	325.00
Mary Sanders	Reimbursements	705.00
Payroll		<u>10,915.13</u>
Total		\$21,080.46

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Energy Project/Caple Ranch: Rick Wilson and David D'Onofrio, representatives from RWE, a solar energy development company, presented plans for an upcoming proposed solar

energy installation on the Caple Ranch property. There will be a public meeting and presentation at the Township Hall on January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Dana Wingo presented highlights of the Commissioners meeting.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

HOUSING READINESS INCENTIVE: Mary Sanders reported there is a \$50,000 grant opportunity to redo zoning for housing through MSHDA.

FIRE BOARD MEETING REPORT: Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to pay an additional \$26,016.00 to the County Fire Board for the Township's share of the Fire Board fiscal year budget deficit. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Manuka Lake Zoning: Carol Leser, a resident of Manuka Lake, questioned zoning for a property on Manuka Lake. A request will be made to the County to provide a map indicating all of the zoning in the Township.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS – BOARD MEMBERS:

Meeting Dates for 2024: February meeting moved to February 20th; March meeting moved to March 5th.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM.

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

Richard Ross, Clerk