

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES MARCH 5, 2024, GENERAL MEETING**

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

Visitors Present: 7

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING: Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Richard Ross to adopt the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget of \$686,566.00. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from the February 20, 2024, 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 \$59,066.63 (including \$48,573.00 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$18,757.19 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	3,680.90
State of Michigan	State withholding	2,010.52
Michael Bacon	Deposit Refund	75.00
Cutting Edge Computers	Computer Hardware (Web Cam/Speakers)	200.45
Lisa Daly	Reimbursement	100.00
Brad Kilbourn	Reimbursement	100.00
Greg Tobias	Snowplowing	650.00
Crossroads Industries	Assessment Change Notices	1,826.87
Mary Sanders	Reimbursement	705.00
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	624.87
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	616.38
Richard Ross	Website Admin.	600.00
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	341.63
Carol Kovolski	Deposit refund	75.00
Charter Communications	Town Hall Telephone/Internet	127.97
Thomas Masar	Election chair	270.00
Amy Kotsko	AVCB election chair	117.00
Carol Leser	Election inspector	240.00
Aileen Champion	Election inspector	144.00
Rachel Leadford	Election inspector	32.00
Richard Burd	Election inspector	248.00
Gabby VanLuchene	Election inspector	408.00
Brian Philipppy	Election inspector	104.00
Susan Anaya	Election inspector	104.00
Choice Publications	Publish minutes synopsis	57.60
Payroll		<u>13,946.85</u>

Total

\$27,406.04

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

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Dana Wingo and Kyle Yohe presented highlights of the Commissioners meeting.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Fire Authority/Special Assessment Resolution: Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve Resolution 2024-VII to create a special assessment of 1 mill for the fiscal year 2024-2025 to fund the Otsego County Fire Authority and hold a public hearing on May 14, 2024 on the costs and expenses of fire protection and the amount of the special assessment.

Roll call vote:

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

Current Budget Amendment for Election Section: Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Lisa Daly to amend the budget for election costs to \$4,500.00 for fiscal year 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Presidential Election Recap: Richard Ross reported that the early voting was successful. Combining all Townships was a good method, and it will be done the same way in August and November.

NEW BUSINESS:

Explore Ant Infestation and Shredding Options: Kyle Yohe suggested Chemical Control in Acme for ant control. A paper shredder will be purchased for use at the Hall.

Kent/WV Farm Sign Variance, Mt. Frederick & Nicholas Dr.: Josh Kent presented photos of the site and proposed signage for review. Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Jessie Geiger to approve or deny the variance request to the County Zoning Board. Motion failed three to two.

Final Draft for Creation of Otsego County Fire Authority: Mary Sanders presented highlights from the Agreement Creating the Otsego County Fire Authority.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 PM.

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

Richard Ross, Clerk