

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES MAY 13, 2025, GENERAL MEETING**

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

Visitors Present: 7

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the public hearing for the Fire Authority to order at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fire Authority special tax assessment set at 1 mill for 2025. Public hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the general meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from the April 15, 2025, 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 \$59,773.23 (including \$48,382.00 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$117,455.69 (including two \$50,000.00 CDs at Nicolet Bank) 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	3,272.73
Hayes Township	CD	50,000.00
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Accident Fund	Workman's Comp	19.00
Johnson Oil Company	Town Hall Propane	500.82
Leah Kersting	Hall rental deposit refund	75.00
Amy Irwin	Hall rental deposit refund	75.00
Common Angle	Website Work	38.75
Charter Communications	Hall telephone/Internet	140.00
Choice Publications	Synopsis/Survey Publication	194.40
A Cut Above Tree Service	Storm damage cleanup	3,500.00
Crossroads Industries, Inc.	Survey Flyer /Survey Sheets	179.00
BS&A Software	Annual Maintenance/Assessing/Taxing	3,048.00
Otsego County Economic Alliance	2025 service contract	1,375.00
Payroll		<u>11,358.50</u>
Total		\$123,776.20

Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Dana Wingo, Christi Sortor, and Rob Weaver reported on highlights of the Commissioners' meeting.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

None

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

DNR Letter: Correspondence has been received from the DNR indicating they are not planning to proceed with large developments in solar energy on State land.

Master Plan Committee, Housing Survey: Housing surveys available at the meeting and on-line.

Renewal of Economic Alliance Agreement: The cost of the Economic Alliance Agreement is \$1,375.00 for the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

TrueStream/Spectrum Costs for Internet/Phone: Richard Ross reported that the monthly cost for Internet/phone for Spectrum is \$140.00 and TrueStream is \$103.98. Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to change to TrueStream for the Town Hall Internet/phone service. Motion passed unanimously.

Cleanup at the Recycling Center: Mary Sanders suggested the Township contribute toward the storm cleanup at the recycling center. Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Lisa Daly to accept the \$2,000.00 bid from A Cut Above Tree Service for the cleanup of debris at the recycling center. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBERS

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Ross suggested the trees be cleared back past the power line on the south of the driveway/parking lot.

Mary Sanders: Due to a scheduling conflict, requested the Township meeting date for July be changed to July 7th.

Jessie Geiger: Due to a scheduling conflict, requested Township meeting date for August be changed to August 19th.

Brad Kilbourn: Reported he won't be available to attend the June 10th Township Board meeting or cleanup day on June 14th.

Township resident, Paul Russell, expressed concern regarding the dangerous intersection at VanTyle Road and Townline Road. He suggested it be turned into a four-way stop.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:00 PM.

Township Clean Up Day: June 14, 2025, 7:00-10:00 AM, M-32 W and M-131 Corner.

Richard Ross, Clerk