

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, GENERAL MEETING**

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

Visitors Present: 11

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the general meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from the August 18, 2025, general meeting. Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Jessie Geiger to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report, showing income of \$56,950.62 (including \$50,606.00 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$15,796.75 was reviewed. (Complete financial report is attached.) Motion by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	3,272.73
State of Michigan	State withholding	2,113.02
Choice Publications	Publish minutes	57.60
Trugreen Processing Center	Weed & Feed Lawns	227.07
Ashley Groters	Hall rental refund	75.00
Otsego County	Planning & Zoning	7,571.00
Spade Property Maint. & Lawn	Lawn Mowing	2,250.00
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	78.00
Charter Communications	Town Hall Telephone/Internet	140.00
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	506.06
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	751.90
Mary Sanders	Reimbursement	705.00
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	302.29
Payroll		<u>11,358.50</u>
Total		\$29,408.17

Motion by Brad Kilbourn and seconded by Lisa Daly to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

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

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

County Invoice for Planning/Zoning: Has been paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Case for Wilderness Valley: Following presentation and discussion by Attorney Paul Slough and property owner Josh Kent, a motion was made by Richard Ross and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to recommend adjournment of the revocation of the special use permit pending reworking the permit application. Motion passed unanimously.

Township Millage Amount for 2026: Motion by Jessie Geiger and second by Richard Ross to set the Township tax millage for 2026 at .45 mills. Motion carried.

Fire Authority Meeting Report: Mary Sanders reported that an audit has been completed, and the Fire Authority received a good report. The Fire Board has contacted the Grace Baptist Church to inquire about leasing their pole barn as a possible location west of town during the highway reconstruction.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBERS FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brad Kilbourn: Presented a \$1,000.00 invoice for the cost of moving Marion Wheaton's vault to make room for Marcia Wheaton's burial at the cemetery.

Richard Ross: Reported on the upcoming changes for elections.

Michele Devine-Childs, Spade Property Maintenance & Lawn, commented on things left in the cemetery at the grave sites make it difficult to mow.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2025, 6:00 PM.

Richard Ross, Clerk