

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2026, GENERAL MEETING**

Board Members Present: Mary Sanders, Supervisor, Jessie Geiger, Treasurer, Lisa Daly, Trustee

Absent: Richard Ross, Clerk, Brad Kilbourn, Trustee

Visitors: 8

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from December 9, 2025, general meeting, Motion by Jessie Geiger and second by Lisa Daly to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report, showing income of \$105,482.84 (including revenue sharing & swamp tax) was reviewed. Expenses for the month were \$39,060.75. Complete financial report is attached. Motion by Lisa Daly and second by Jessie Geiger to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	\$3,132.76
Michigan Township Association	Purchase manual	42.00
Common Angle	Website	38.75
Cherwinski Snow & Lawn Service	Snowplowing Dec.	400.00
Cutting Edge Computers	Service	239.94
Accident Fund Insurance Fund	Premium	542.00
Mid North Printing	Newsletter	298.90
Election Source	Election materials	990.00
Johnson Propane Co.	Town Hall propane	517.18
Choice Publications	Synopsis	100.80
Purchase Power	Postage	250.00
Pitney Bowes	Meter Postage	1,500.00
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	226.00
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	3,270.54
Payroll		<u>11,358.50</u>
Total		\$23,047.36

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

AUDIENCE CONERENS & COMMENTS None

COMMISSIONERS REPORT Dana Wingo gave highlights of the February 13 meeting that included the report given for The Refuge. Lodging for 57 families has been provided this season. Their source of funding is primarily donations from the community.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Generator bids: none received.

Public Hearing for the Housing Grant will be held February 10, 2026 at 4 pm. Complete grant is posted on the township website.

Representatives from RWE gave updates of activities and future time lines for solar installation. Logging continues through the winter months. Site visit for officials is set for April 20, 2026. Solar panel installation is to begin this summer. Plan to be fully operational Dec 21, 2027. Audience concerns addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer School tax collection contract for 2026: Jessie Geiger made the motion and second by Lisa Daly that the \$2.50 per parcel amount be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Poverty guidelines for 2026 were reviewed and will be used for determining poverty levels.

Snow Plowing for the Hall: Cherwinski notified the township that they cannot provide service for the remainder of winter months. Spade had provided the second bid and will be contacted to see if they can provide service. If not, calls will be made to find plowing services.

Purchasing/bidding policy draft # 2 was presented and discussed. Vote tabled to February meeting.

Review of the proposed 2026-2027 budget was completed and will be presented at the February meeting.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS & COMMENTS, BOARD MEMBERS, FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessie Geiger asked for update for the Wilderness Valley Farm Case. Scott Sanders, planning commission representative, said the new plan is in process and not completed for review at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 10, 2026 6 PM

SUBMITTED BY MARY SANDERS, FOR RICHARD ROSS, CLERK