

**HAYES TOWNSHIP
MINUTES MAY 12, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND GENERAL MEETING**

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

Visitors Present: Nine

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the Public Hearing for Fire Authority Millage to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM. Motion by Lisa Daly and second by Richard Ross to approve a levy of one mil for the Fire Authority for 2026. Motion passed unanimously. Public hearing adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Supervisor Mary Sanders called the General Meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed from April 14, 2026, general meeting and April 23, 2026, special 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 \$55,797.40 (including \$44,430.00 State of Michigan revenue share) and expenditures of \$116,906.34 (including two \$50,000.00 CDs at Nicolet Bank) 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.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SALARY ERROR: Motion by Lisa Daly and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to amend the Supervisor's wages to \$30,012.00 in the 2026-2027 budget.

AUTHORIZATION OF MONTHLY BILLS TO BE PAID:

U.S. Treasury EFTPS	Federal withholding	3,166.22
Otsego County Historical Society	Annual contribution 2026	200.00
Otsego County Equalization Department	Maintenance for 2025	2,242.00
Common Angle	Web Site Work	38.75
Choice Publications	Public Notices	218.40
Johnson Oil Company	Town Hall Propane	447.78
Trugreen Processing Center	Weed & Feed Lawns	235.92
BS&A Software	Assessing & Taxing Software	3,130.00
Lisa Daly	Reimbursement	64.20
Jessie Geiger	Reimbursement	2,243.64
Richard Ross	Reimbursement	19.08
Otsego County Economic Alliance	2026 service contract	1,375.00
Payroll		<u>11,687.99</u>
Total		\$25,068.98

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

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

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

RWE UPDATES: Representatives from RWE Solar Energy Company reported on the status of the Northland Ranch solar energy project. Comments can be directed to the link on the Township's website.

RECYCLING PROBLEMS: To control proper use of the recycling site, cameras will be installed and violators prosecuted. If the problems can't be resolved, the site will be closed.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Mary Sanders reported they are near completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

TAX FORM 4029 FOR FIRE AUTHORITY: Mary Sanders, Supervisor, and Richard Ross, Clerk, will sign Tax Form 4029 for the Fire Authority.

BANKING RESOLUTION: Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Brad Kilbourn to approve Resolution 2026-6 to update finance depositories.

Roll call vote:

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

INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE: Motion by Jessie Geiger and seconded by Lisa Daly to renew and update the Investment Policy for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD PROJECTS: Mary Sanders reported that the Road Commission plans to resurface Hayes Tower Road from Mancelona Road to Manuka Lake Road, commencing late June or July.

GRANT MONEYS: Jessie Geiger reported that the Township has received \$1,419.00 in grant money to be used for public safety projects.

TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAY: June 13, 2026, 7am to 10am

ROADSIDE CLEANUP: Various volunteer groups will be performing roadside cleanup in the area.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: Hazardous waste collection will be held July 11, 2026, at the Otsego County Road Commission.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6:00 PM.

Richard Ross, Clerk