

HAYES TOWNSHIP  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
September 15, 2020

Supervisor Acton called the General Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 2055 E. Townline Lake Road.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present – Supervisor Acton, Trustee Buckley, Trustee Haley, and Clerk Hoyt

Member absent – Treasurer Rood

Motion Acton/Haley to approve agenda. All Ayes, Motion carried

Community reports

- Clare County Commissioner – Did not attend
- Harrison District Library – Update from Trustee Haley

Public Comment – Trustee Buckley issue

Motion Acton/Hoyt to approve minutes for the August 18, 2020 General Meeting All Ayes, Motion carried

Motion Hoyt/Acton to approve the Consent Agenda

- Bills paid prior
- Bills to be paid

All Ayes, Motion carried

Department Reports

- Zoning
- Clerk – Elections update

New Business

Motion Acton/Haley to approve annual maintenance agreement for Libert Backup system from Rehmann Technologies in the amount \$595. All ayes, Motion carried

Motion Hoyt/Acton to approve weekend burial pay for Cemetery Manager in the amount of \$50 per day. All ayes, Motion carried

Discussion took place regarding complaints from several citizens that involved Trustee Buckley.

Motion Hoyt/Haley to enter the following statements into the board minutes:

- Per the **Hayes Township policy manual** Chapter 3 Ethics, section 3.39 Public Interactions - Interactions by the public with township processes shall be as made as stress-free as possible.

- The **Hayes Township Principles of Governance** address maintain the highest standards of township stewardship, deliberations and constituent services
- The Hayes Township Board takes all complaints against an elected official very seriously
- The Hayes Township Board gathered facts, took time to evaluate the truth of the allegations and took time to think about the action the Board would take
- The Hayes Township Board does not condone this behavior by any board member, toward the residents of Hayes Township and will not be tolerated
- On the advice of MTA and the township attorney
  - There is nothing the board can do to remove an elected official from the board
  - Advise board members that **all** complaints/issues with residents are to be directed to the appropriate department
    - Zoning issues – Hayes Township Zoning Administrator
    - Building issues – Clare County Building Department
- If at any time, a resident feels uncomfortable with any township official approaching them, the resident should contact the local police department

Roll call vote: Acton-aye, Buckley-aye, Haley-aye, Hoyt-aye. Motion carried

#### Correspondence

- Sheriff report
- Fire Department Report

#### Public Comment – questions were taken and answered

- Concerns from residents regarding an elected official
- Blight concerns

Motion Buckley/Haley to adjourn meeting. All ayes, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Debra Hoyt, Hayes Township Clerk