

**Fwd: Email for Joe Gorney**

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**Hayes Trustee2** <trustee2hayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
To: Clerk Hayes Township <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 12:20 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Leslie Cunningham <lesliec12@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 8, 2026 at 1:48:16 PM EDT  
**To:** Matt Cunningham <trustee2@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Deputy Clerk Email <deputyclerkhayes@gmail.com>, Roy Griffiths <roygriffiths@verizon.net>, Hayes supervisor <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, trustee1@hayestownship.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Email for Joe Gorney

Here is some solid thinking about data centers, and they admit their bias from the beginning, However it is based upon science and evidence. Joe would be willing to meet with you either formally or informally at any time. Let me know if you need me to host a coffee hour at my house!

Les

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**From:** Ann Gorney <gorney10@chartermills.com>  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 8, 2026 at 1:29 PM  
**Subject:** Email for Joe Gorney  
**To:** Leslie Lyons Cunningham <lesliec12@gmail.com>, Cunningham Leslie Lyons <lesliecunningham@ccswill.com>

Here is my brother's email, and a link to begin looking into Data Centers. I have read a lot of material he has sent me. I still do not believe a Data Center up here is a good thing. There are too many variables and things that can go wrong. To me, it's like they are building the ship while already sailing it.

Ann

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gorney, Joseph" <Joseph.Gorney@fairfaxcounty.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Join us on March 31 for a Conservation Cafe on Nuclear Deregulation!  
**Date:** March 4, 2026 at 11:40:47 AM EST  
**To:** Ann Gorney <gorney10@chartermills.com>

Annie,

You can give him my contact information. There's a lot of information I could pass along. The Piedmont Environmental Council website would be a good place to start ([Data Centers & Energy Demand - The Piedmont Environmental Council](#)). Fairfax County is doing some land use compatibility regulations, but we don't address the full range of issues that must be considered. I also plan to investigate what Frederick County, Maryland is doing via their (CDI?) Zoning Overlay and various regulatory standards for pretreatment of effluent and reporting. Whatever you do, do not agree to non-disclosure agreements. Otherwise, there's no accountability.

More to come.

Joe

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**Joseph C. Gorney, AICP, Chief, Planning & Policy Section**  
**Department of Public Works & Environmental Services - Stormwater Planning Division**  
**Fairfax County, Virginia**  
**ISA Certified Arborist, MA-7095A**

# Subject: Re: Data Centers

Wed, Mar 25

 **Roy Griffitts** <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com>  
to Bill Conklin

Thanks, this is quite helpful.

On Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 2:26 PM Bill Conklin <[supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)> wrote:

I met Roger Soldano while getting a haircut in town and he called asking about our Data Center issue - afterwar stated that Norwood has started the process, asked for his info and advised about our STR - he passed along th Ordinance as well.

So I pass it along -- Bill

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From: **Roger** <[rogersoldano@gmail.com](mailto:rogersoldano@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 5:31 PM

Subject: Data Centers

To: Bill Conklin <[supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)>

As promised Bill, here is my recommendation to our board. I'll send you our STR ordinance tomorrow.

Roger



Subject: Re: data center work group support



Roy Griffitts <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com>  
to LuAnne Kozma, Hayes Treasurer, Hayes supervisor

Mar 30, 2026, 8:30 AM

Thank you for the reply.

On Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 1:18 PM LuAnne Kozma <lkozma@hayes.org> wrote:

No, sorry, can't do that.

LuAnne

On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 9:37 AM Roy Griffitts <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning LuAnne,

Following up on our previous email regarding the work group's membership, we would like to request your contribution to the process.

Given your demonstrated interest in data center actions in court and lawsuits on applications for data centers in other areas of the State , we could use your assistance in monitoring and reporting on these actions, specifically an analysis of what arguments were made by the two sides and the rationale for any legal decisions.

If you could provide a monthly analysis—or updates whenever significant actions occur—it would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to discuss this further if you have any questions.


Best Regards,

Roy Griffitts  
Julies Collard



## Subject: Re: data center work group request

Wed, Mar 25, 10:09 AM

 **Roy Griffitts** <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com>  
to Donald Gregory

Good morning,

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Roy

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Subject: Re: Your resignation from the data center work group?

Tue, Mar 24, 4:27 PM

 clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffiths, Alexander Curley

All,

As FOIA Coordinator I will take care of this.

Kristin  
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Alexander Curley <[alexander.curley@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:alexander.curley@hayestownshipmi.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:42 PM  
Subject: Fw: Your resignation from the data center work group?  
To: Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffitts3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffitts3@gmail.com)>, Treasurer Julie Collard <[treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov)>

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From: "LuAnne Kozma" <[luanne.kozma@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:luanne.kozma@hayestownshipmi.gov)>  
To: "Alexander Curley" <[alexander.curley@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:alexander.curley@hayestownshipmi.gov)>, "Hayes supervisor" <[supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Your resignation from the data center work group?

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On Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:27 PM LuAnne Kozma <[luanne.kozma@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:luanne.kozma@hayestownshipmi.gov)> wrote:

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This is a FOIA request.

Thank you,

LuAnne Kozma  
[9330 Woods Road](#)  
[Charlevoix MI 49720](#)  
[231-547-8828](tel:231-547-8828)

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clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
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[9330 Woods Road](#)

[Charlevoix MI 49720](#)

[261-517-2828](#)

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## Subject: Re: Advisory Work Group Members

Sat, Mar 21, 12:35 PM

 **Roy Griffiths** <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com>  
to ctmagnetics@aol.com, Treasurer Julie Collard, Hayes supervisor, Kristin Baranski

Ok, you can keep her. We will gracefully relinquish our request for her services.

On Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 12:18 PM [ctmagnetics@aol.com](mailto:ctmagnetics@aol.com) <[ctmagnetics@aol.com](mailto:ctmagnetics@aol.com)> wrote:

Julie/ Roy

The STR Committee has already been chosen and published on the Township website. Since it is already published I believe that we will look confused again if we start changing people. We would really like to keep the people that we have and are already planning the first meeting / sending out information to all members.

Please let me know if you have a problem with us keeping the named members.

Thank you  
C.T. Martin

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On Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:56 AM, Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffitts3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffitts3@gmail.com)> wrote:

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This does not need to be a bigger deal than asking her to choose, in my opinion.

My S.02

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Julie Collard—Hayes Township Treasurer

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## Subject: Re: Data Centers and Alexander Curley -

Thu, Mar 19, 1:01 PM



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffiths

all good – no issue.

On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 11:15 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

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On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 10:06 AM Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com> wrote:

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Bill

On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 8:02 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning all,

Bill, thank you for speaking with Todd on this. While I do not think it is necessarily in the long term best interest of the township to eliminate good people from serving us in the many challenges we face, I do understand that we have been pushed into a complex public corner by the actions of one individual.

If our overriding goal is to best manage the potential impact of hyper-scale data centers should an entity seek to develop one in the township, then I reluctantly agree that whatever we end up with must be accepted by the public. Last night's ridiculous display demonstrates how far detached from common sense the township has been dragged. We cannot afford to have that happen with this issue. To that end, I suspect the well has been poisoned enough with Alex's role as workgroup leader that he and I will need to switch roles on the committee.

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Bill

## Subject: Fwd: Follow-up questions after last night's BOC meeting



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffitts

Tue, Mar 10, 10:49 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
**Date:** March 10, 2026 at 10:19:43 PM EDT  
**To:** Sheri McWhirter <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up questions after last night's BOC meeting

Hello Sheri -

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In response: Yes your first paragraph is true - we extended the Moratorium for 12 months by an Amended Resolution.

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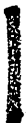
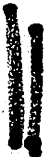
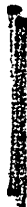
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Thanks for your help,

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Environment reporter  
MLive/Grand Rapids Press

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Subject: Re: posting suggestions



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffitts, Kristin Baranski

Thu, Feb 19, 11:17 AM

Roy's changes are Ok as well ---

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Subject: Fwd: Comment on data center moratorium for Board meeting tonight



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MTA Data-Centers-and-Zoning\_Hello-Jan-2026

Pittsfield Township November 20 2025 Board agenda and packet

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## Q What is a data center?

A data center is a large warehouse or series of warehouses that house computer systems, servers and associated components. Data centers form the backbone of the internet—all the information you see on the internet (websites you visit, emails you write, news articles you read) has to be kept somewhere—and that somewhere is usually a data center. Data centers also run artificial intelligence (AI) systems like ChatGPT. Private companies and the federal government are heavily promoting AI development, which has spurred developers across the country to look for sites to construct new data centers.

Modern data centers can range from a series of smaller modules that fit in a single building to several massive warehouses forming a “campus.” Most new data centers are considered “hyperscale” data centers containing a massive number of servers to support AI. These facilities are also designed to be expandable, allowing for construction in multiple phases. Data centers are also extremely expensive to build, often requiring investments of more than \$1 billion.

A data center can be constructed by a single large company for its own business use—such as Meta (Facebook), Google and OpenAI. A data center may also be constructed by a third-party developer, which then leases access to the computers to other companies.

## Q What are the major things our township should consider when planning and zoning for data centers?

As with any new land use, there are many factors to consider to ensure that the proposed development fits your community’s needs and vision. Here are a few key considerations:

- **Master plan, zoning ordinance and districts:** The first and most important step is to review your township’s current master plan and zoning ordinance for any references to a data center or similar construction. Data centers are often treated as an industrial use because they require a large amount of space and access to substantial utilities. Some zoning ordinances list data centers as a permitted use in certain zoning districts with no special restrictions. These ordinances were typically drafted many years ago, before the rise of the hyperscale data centers we see today. Given the size and scale of data centers today, it is good practice to treat them as a special land use.

Regulating data centers as a special land use allows for specific regulations related to this land use and a required

public hearing as part of the township approval process. You should evaluate your current master land use plan and zoning ordinance to determine if there is an appropriate area of the township where a data center could be located. Also keep in mind that completely prohibiting data centers may lead to a claim of exclusionary zoning. The township must comply with MCL 125.3207.

- **Electricity:** Data centers require substantial amounts of electricity to power all of their computers. The location for most data centers depends almost entirely on where high-voltage electricity is available and where the utility provider has the capacity on their lines to support the use. The federal Department of Energy (energy.gov) hosts a website where you can view the excess capacity of all power lines in your community, which can help identify areas where data centers may be more likely.
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- **Tax base and incentives:** These facilities can contribute significantly to the local tax base (as noted previously, they cost upwards of \$1 billion). Although developers may seek long-term tax abatements or incentives, many townships will still experience a substantial increase in taxable value. You should carefully examine these potential incentives and balance them against other local impacts like service and infrastructure demands.

## Q What are the big concerns with data centers?

Several concerns have been raised in communities hosting or considering data center developments. Here are a few key issues you should be aware of:

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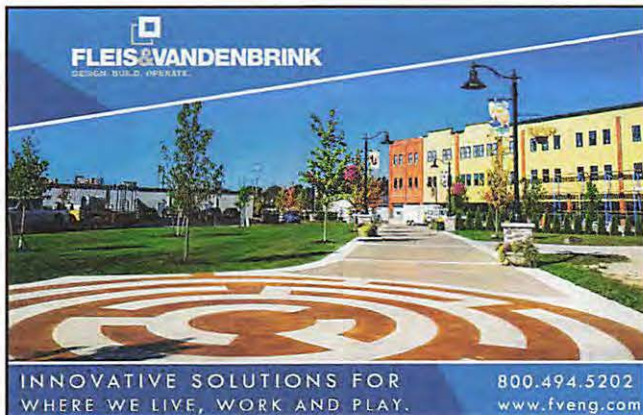
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- **Liquid cooling:** Some data centers consume significant amounts of water, which may add extra strain to local systems. This is not the case for all centers though, and you should carefully review each specific project to understand its impact. This is also an issue that can be addressed through specific zoning regulations.
- **Farmland usage:** Some communities see significant pushback from residents based on the location of these data centers, which they believe are infringing on or limiting prime farmland. Many townships consider and adopt specific regulations to protect prime farmland.
- **Data privacy:** Although not directly related to zoning, many communities have seen residents concerned about what exactly is kept in the data center. Some data centers can hold significant amounts of personal information on individuals who use the internet, which many take issue with, especially when it is in their own community.

## Q Can the township enter a moratorium while we update our ordinances to include data centers or better regulate them?

Yes—but only if done properly. Townships should always consult with legal counsel before entering into a moratorium of any kind. **At a minimum, the moratorium should be adopted by ordinance (not resolution)**, it should specifically lay out the reasons for the moratorium, and it should provide a clear end-date or time limit. You must also use the pause to take action—a moratorium is not a tool for delay, but to allow time for meaningful review and ultimately new regulations.

A moratorium on data centers may require both a zoning ordinance and police-power ordinance, meaning it must be reviewed by the planning commission and township board



and follow the legal steps for ordinance adoption. Always check with your township legal counsel regarding how to properly institute a moratorium.

## Q Where can I learn more?

Several communities in Michigan are already working on data centers. You can review other township's ordinances to get some ideas, but never copy an ordinance directly from another community, as it will not be designed for your needs and may be unlawful. MTA is also working with its Legal Counsel to develop a sample data center ordinance. Watch MTA's website, *Township Insights* weekly newsletter and *Township Focus* for details when available.

MTA is also offering several upcoming educational opportunities with information on data centers, including zoning considerations:

- *New You Know* lunchtime webinars on Jan. 21: *Planning & Zoning: NIMBY is Not an Option, Now What?*, taught by MTA Staff Attorney Catherine Mullhaupt; and on Feb. 18: *Cloud Control: Navigating Data Center Impacts*, taught by MTA Legal Counsel. These hour-long live online learning opportunities include time for questions and answers. They are also recorded and available for on-demand viewing if you are not able to participate during the events. Registration and more information is available online at [bit.ly/NYKmta](http://bit.ly/NYKmta). Cost is just \$25 per session. Townships with MTA Online subscriptions at the Premium level have free access for their entire township team, including planning and zoning officials.
- The 2026 MTA Capital Conference, held March 17 at the Lansing Center, will include an expert-led session, including MTA Legal Counsel, exploring considerations for data centers and renewable energy facilities. Turn to the inside back cover for additional information on the Capital Conference or visit [michigantownships.org](http://michigantownships.org) (under the "Advocacy" tab.). The early-bird registration deadline ends Feb. 3.
- Two Business Solution Sessions, held Tuesday, April 21 at the 2026 MTA Annual Conference & Expo, will tackle the topic, with "Powering Michigan's Future: Approaching Data Center Growth," taught by Lauren Snyder, senior vice president and chief customer & growth officer with Consumers Energy; and "Data In or Data Out?," led by an attorney with Mika Meyers. These sessions are taught by MTA Allied Service Providers. Learn more, including session descriptions, in the Conference registration brochure included in this issue of *Township Focus* and on [michigantownships.org](http://michigantownships.org).

*Hello, MTA...?* provides general information on typical questions asked by township officials. Readers are encouraged to contact an attorney when specific legal guidance is needed. Member township officials and personnel may contact MTA Member Information Services with questions or requests from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, at (517) 321-6467 (press 1) or fax (517) 321-8908.



## Pittsfield Charter Township

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November 20, 2025

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - 2.1 Approval of Agenda

3. **Public Comment I and Board Response**

Any person may come forward at this time to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested but not required to state his/her name and address for the record.

- 3.1 Public Comment I
- 3.2 Board Response

4. **New Business**

- 4.1 Adopt a Resolution Instituting a Temporary Moratorium on Approval of Data Centers

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- 5.1 Public Comment II
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6. **Adjournment**

Anyone who requires a reasonable auxiliary aid or service for effective communication and participation in the meeting should contact the Clerk's Office as soon as possible, but no later than three business days before the meeting. The Clerk's Office can be reached by email at [Clerk@pittsfield-mi.gov](mailto:Clerk@pittsfield-mi.gov) or by phone at (734) 822-3120.

**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RES #25-30**

**RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A TEMPORARY  
MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF DATA CENTERS**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

At a Special Meeting of the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Administration Building located at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue in said Township, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsfield Charter Township Zoning Ordinance does not address data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, data centers are being proposed in neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Pittsfield Charter Township, and for the protection of its natural resources, it is necessary that portions of the Ordinance be revised and rewritten to regulate data centers and clearly define the parameters for their consideration by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsfield Charter Township Board has concluded that it is necessary to study and consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to ensure a consistent, cohesive, and sensible policy which conforms to the most recent jurisprudence is developed and maintained with regard to data centers and regulation of data centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has concluded that, during the pendency of such consideration, it would be counter-productive for applications relating to data centers to move forward; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Board also recognizes that a delay in the establishment of new development or the expansion of existing development, or the rezoning of property, or the granting of Zoning Compliance Applications or licenses, could result in inconvenience for some applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has determined that it may be necessary to expedite the pursuit of certain development or business opportunities, and may be appropriate to provide a mechanism allowing a petition to the Township Board for an exception to the deferral contained in this Resolution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for a period commencing on the date of this Resolution, and terminating 180 days from the date of this Resolution, and except as otherwise provided herein, and unless terminated earlier by subsequent ordinance or resolution, there shall be no consideration or action taken by a Township entity, official, or agent on Zoning Compliance Applications for data centers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that no new data centers shall be accepted for review, considered, approved, or otherwise allowed during the moratorium period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Planning Commissioners, along with the Township Planners, the Township Engineers, Township Officials, and Township Attorney, shall proceed with efforts to study the relevant state of the law, and shall present to the Township Board a proposed plan for amending the Zoning Ordinance, or the code of ordinances, or any combination thereof, with respect to applicants for data centers as deemed appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during the effective period of the deferral, any aggrieved property owner or business shall be entitled to a hearing for the purpose of attempting to demonstrate to the Township Board that the temporary deferral pronounced in this Resolution will result in the preclusion of any viable economic use of their property, or otherwise violates applicable provisions of State or Federal law. Such hearings shall be conducted on an expedited basis before the Township Board. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Township Board shall make findings and conclusions with respect to whether the Petitioner has demonstrated that all viable economic use of the property has been precluded by the temporary deferment adopted in this Resolution, and whether this Resolution is unconstitutional on its face or as applied to the Petitioner's case. If it is found and demonstrated that the deferment has the effect of precluding all viable use of the property, or that it violates State or Federal law, the Township Board shall grant relief from the deferment to the degree necessary to cure the contravention.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** -  
**NAYS:** -  
**ABSENT:** -  
**ABSTAIN:** -

**RESOLUTION DECLARED \_\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trish Reilly, Supervisor  
Pittsfield Charter Township

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Michelle L. Anzaldi, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Pittsfield Charter Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Special Meeting held on November 20, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk  
Pittsfield Charter Township

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

Subject: Re: Website postings



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to clerk, Roy Griffiths

Thu, Feb 19, 10:06 AM

Looks good to me.

On Thu, Feb 19, 2026 at 9:21 AM clerk hayestownshipmi <[clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Bill and Roy,

Please take a look and let me know your thoughts. Feel free to edit. When I have your input back as well as the applications I will post on the website. I am prompting applicants to submit applications to the BOT and PC reps.

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Kristin Baranski  
Hayes Township Clerk  
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road  
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720  
231.547.6961

Subject: Re: Applications



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to clerk, Roy Griffitts

Thu, Feb 19, 11:13 AM

Ok with me--- they are uniform and but not include experience

On Thu, Feb 19, 2026 at 10:29 AM clerk hayestownshipmi <[clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)> wrote:

See what you think about the attached applications

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Kristin Baranski  
Hayes Township Clerk  
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road  
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720  
231.547.6961

Subject: Re: Data Centers



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Carey Cuddeback, Roy Griffiths

Wed, Feb 18, 5:49 PM

Thanks Carey — I was unable to attend but Kristin will be forwarding the link to me tomorrow.....this will assist in comprehending the complexities, Excellent resource.

Bill.

On Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 1:23 PM Carey Cuddeback <[ccuddebackpc@gmail.com](mailto:ccuddebackpc@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'm guessing that both of you attended today's Webinar with the MTA on data centers. Lots of good info. I clicked onto a link provided during the webinar to get the attached document from U of M. Very interesting and helpful. Thought I'd send in case you missed it. It wasn't noted unless you went into the chat section of the zoom.

Thanks!

Carey Cuddeback

Subject: Re: MTA data center presentation



**Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffiths

Wed, Feb 18, 8:23 PM

Thank you.

On Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 7:41 PM Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffitts3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffitts3@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good evening Bill,

In addition to the information that Carey sent you, I am sending along the slide deck from the presentation today put on by the MTA on data centers. While the slides without the benefit of hearing the information are of limited use they may be helpful for tomorrow's conversation with Todd.


In particular slides 9,10 ,11 are relevant to the discussion.

I hope you find these helpful,

Roy

Subject: Fwd: Slight Modifications to PSA by Roy -

Thu, Feb 12, 6:53 PM

 **Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffitts

Thanks Roy --- many hands make light work aka best to put two heads together....changes attached.

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From: **Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 6:48 PM  
Subject: Slight Modifications to PSA by Roy -  
To: Kristin Baranski Clerk <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, Julie Collard <treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov>

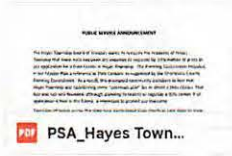
Hello Kristin and Julie --

Roy sent me some minor modifications to the PSA - to simplify the wording and to make it a bit easier to read for the residents.

I incorporated his suggestions into this draft attached. Use your discretion as this may read better --

Bill

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In response to this advice, the Township Board passed a Resolution on Monday authorizing the Township a 6-month moratorium (a legal delay) involving a possible Data Center application. The resolution, which may be amended in March, gives the Township the legal right to delay any response to a data center application, while we study and address our options. Our attorney will provide us with legal guidance. The Planning Commission and the Board will investigate this complex issue and will recommend conditions and safeguards to protect our natural resources, infrastructure, emergency services, utilities, quality of life and rural character.

We want to be prepared and develop a plan. We will be able to study our options over the next 6 to 12 months, even if a data center use application is filed. We were elected to serve and protect our residents and our community, within the parameters of the law, and that is what we intend to do, i.e., by investigating every available option and studying every alternative. Thank you for your understanding.

William M. Conklin  
Supervisor  
2-12-2026

Subject: Re: Your MLive news to know today, Feb. 6, 2026 - mlive.com

Thu, Feb 12, 5:11 PM

 **Roy Griffiths** <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
to Bill Conklin

Hi Bill,

Couple of thoughts. Probably a good idea to put this out there. You/we were set up by the "friends" who had what might be a better moratorium in their hands long before the meeting and chose to drop it on you as a surprise.

The PSA is well written as I would expect from a lawyer but it may be too erudite for the average township citizen. To that end I took the liberty of suggesting some simpler language that might work. I made the changes on the attached word doc. I don't do .pdfs sorry.

As this is coming from you feel free to ignore anything I said. I know you want to try to calm peoples nerves and we don't want any misunderstandings by the public. As PT Barnum once said "No man ever went broke overestimating the ignorance of the American public". I quote this is not to insult our people but to remind us that not everyone we meet possess the vocabulary that we might.

Feel free to call if you have any questions. Just my \$.02

Roy

On Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 2:11 PM Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for the info Roy ---

here is a PSA which the Board asked me to draft in response to their 20+ phone calls or emails --- I sent it along to the Board for their review -- thought you may want to weigh in if something needs to be changed or modified, as you can call or email -- thanks

On Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 10:34 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

Well the cat is out of the bag on Hayes township and data centers. Our friends have made sure of that. Resort township is actively developing an ordinance on data centers but has not yet enacted a moratorium. I think you did the right thing in enacting one since the the publicity stunt backfired and made it a more visible issue. Two articles that appeared in a statewide source and of course the Channel four reports out of TC.


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William M. Conklin  
Supervisor  
2-12-2026

## Subject: Fwd: Resolution Data Center



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffitts

Wed, Feb 18, 2:23 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 10:28 AM  
Subject: Resolution Data Center  
To: Todd Millar <tmillar@parkerharvey.com>  
Cc: Kristin Baranski Clerk <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>

Hello Todd --

As we discussed, please see attached; the Resolution for a Moratorium which the Board passed on Feb 9.

Further, I attach the Marshall Resolution and Ordinance which was given to us that evening, for your consideration.

The Board asked that I get with you and request that you draft a more comprehensive (if needed or recommended) Amended Resolution to authorize a temporary Moratorium on any application for a data center - whatever you recommend..

I think that a concern was the wording in the Heading "...On Approval of Data Centers", vs On Application for a Data Center. By stating "On Approval of", that indicates that the Township is already taking the position that it will approve a Data Center vs review, study, research whether to approve a Data Center -- a matter of semantics but that added to the fear that the Township was aware of something (application pending or imminent) and wanted to give some tacit approval by our choice of words.....

You were accused (by the public) of copying and pasting the Moratorium from Pittsfield Township, as it reads the same. I did not say anything in your defense, as that would have extended the public comment. However, if brought up again, I will outline that lawyers use "wording" that is gleaned from recommended forms or from research and put together to serve the needs of their particular client. If a resolution serves us properly, I do not care where it came from and I believe that the Board trusts that you would bill us for the time which it took to do so and not be "inflated". Saving time and money is a good thing so if you can give us the best advice and direction by undertaking efficient research, that serves us well. Just wanted you to know that, "for the record", if it became an issue.

The suspicion was rather high and many suggested that we take 12 months to review, etc. That point may be worth considering as maybe we should take 9 months to look at it because we have three items over the next 3-4 months which will take a lot of our time:

1. Amended Zoning Ordinance;
2. Budget in May and June also parking on Eastern Avenue and signage.
3. Short Term Rental Ordinance which is targeted for a June approval, perhaps.

That means that looking at a Data Center Ordinance (by the Advisory Committee, then the Planning Commission) may not get the attention it needs until April or May and then being the busy summer season, it may get delayed until August, Sept or October before a comprehensive draft is prepared. Thus 9 months will give us until December to pass an Ordinance, if we amend the Moratorium at our March 9 Board Meeting.

I do not want to get in the position of "an extension for 30 days", as that gives the appearance that we are not diligent in our responsibilities. Let's set a target date and then achieve that target date, at the outset.

I would be happy to clarify or discuss at your convenience.

Bill Conklin  


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Kristin Baranski  
Hayes Township Clerk  
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road  
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720  
231.547.6961

**RESOLUTION 2092026A , TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON  
APPROVAL OF DATA CENTERS**

WHEREAS, the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance does not address data centers; and

WHEREAS, data centers are being proposed in communities in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, data centers currently operating in Michigan are of a significantly higher intensity than typical uses of property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hayes Township, and for the protection of its natural resources, it is necessary that portions of the Zoning Ordinance be revised and rewritten to regulate data centers and clearly define the parameters for their consideration by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Township Board of Trustees has concluded that it is necessary to study and consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to ensure a consistent, cohesive and sensible policy, which conforms to the most recent jurisprudence is developed and maintained with regard to data centers and regulation of data centers; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Township Board of Trustees has concluded that, during the pendency of such consideration, it would be counterproductive for applications relating to data centers to move forward; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Township Board of Trustees has concluded that, during the course of deliberations on the anticipated revisions, there should be a deferral of review of data center applications; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Township Board of Trustees has received a request from the Hayes Township Planning Commission to consider the imposition of a moratorium to give it time to conduct the necessary research and review and to recommend necessary changes to the Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:.

1. For a period commencing on the date of this resolution and terminating one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of this resolution, and except as otherwise provided herein, and unless terminated earlier by subsequent Ordinance or Resolution, there shall be no consideration or action taken by the Township Board, Planning Commission, or other Township entity, official, or agent, on applications for data centers under the Zoning Ordinance or any other applicable section of the Hayes Township ordinances.
2. No data centers shall be accepted for review, consideration, approval, or otherwise allowed during the moratorium period.
3. The Township Planning Commission, along with any necessary planners, engineers, Township officials, and attorneys, shall proceed with efforts to study the relevant state of the law, and shall present to the Township Board and Planning Commission a proposed

plan for amending the Zoning Ordinance, or the adoption of any other necessary ordinances, or any combination thereof, with respect to applicants for data centers, as deemed appropriate.

4. The Township Board may extend the term of this moratorium resolution prior to the expiration of its then-current term, if the Township Board determines additional time is necessary to consider and possibly adopt the ordinance amendments as described herein. Such extensions shall be for thirty (30) days, and multiple extensions are allowed. All other provisions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect during any such extension period.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

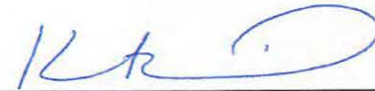
YEAS: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Kristin Baranski, William Conklin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Doug Kuebler

Declared adopted on February 9, 2026

 2-10-2026  
Kristin Baranski, Hayes Township Clerk

 2-10-2026  
William Conklin, Hayes Township Supervisor

**TOWNSHIP OF MARSHALL  
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**Resolution No. 2026-\_\_\_**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Marshall Township, held at the Marshall Township Hall, 13551 Myron Avery Drive, Marshall, Michigan 49068, on January \_\_\_\_, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NON-ZONING TEMPORARY MORATORIUM  
ORDINANCE REGULATORY ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_ ON DATA  
CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND TO DIRECT THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION TO PREPARE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT  
AMENDMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ORDINANCE ON DATA  
CENTERS AND ON BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, Data Centers may present unique and significant land use considerations, including but not limited to electrical demand, water usage, stormwater management, noise, heat discharge, building scale, visual impacts, public safety concerns, and long-term effects and impacts on a sited project and surrounding properties and infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, Battery Energy Storage Systems (“BESS”) may present unique and significant land use considerations, including but not limited to electrical demand, stormwater management, noise, heat discharge, building visual impacts, public safety concerns, and long-term effects and impacts on a sited project and surrounding properties and infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board and Planning Commission have received substantial comments and information from the public raising public health, safety, and welfare concerns about the impacts of Data Centers and BESS on the residents and property owners of the Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s existing zoning regulations and land use policies may not adequately or specifically address the siting, scale, intensity, and operational impacts of Data Center Systems BESS projects within the Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board finds that additional time is necessary to study Data Centers and BESS uses, review best practices from other jurisdictions, evaluate infrastructure capacity, and consider whether updates to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, or other regulatory tools are warranted; and,

**WHEREAS**, a temporary non-zoning police power zoning moratorium regulatory ordinance and a moratorium zoning ordinance text amendment on new Data Center applications and new BESS applications allows the Township to conduct this review in a deliberate and transparent manner without prejudicing future development decisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board recognizes that a temporary moratorium is a useful planning tool intended to preserve the status quo while thoughtful policy review and regulatory evaluation are undertaken; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes local units of governments, including townships, to provide for the adoption of zoning ordinances regulating the use of land within its territorial boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Marshall Township Planning Commission is charged under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, with making, preparing and submitting recommendations concerning land use planning, zoning, and orderly development within Marshall Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Marshall Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, a Non-Zoning Police Power Regulatory Ordinance, titled, "An Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems," attached hereto as Exhibit A in order to address public interests and provide sufficient time for the Township to study Data Centers and BESS land uses and consider potential amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, and related policies to ensure compatibility with community goals, infrastructure capacity, and public health, safety, and welfare.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant Section 18-2, of the Township Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directs the Planning Commission to research and prepare a Temporary Moratorium Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment on Data Centers and BESS in order to provide sufficient time for the Planning Commission to study such land uses and consider potential amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, and related policies to ensure compatibility with community goals, infrastructure capacity, and public health, safety, and welfare; and, submit recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees after a public hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the purpose of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Township Board of Trustee's direction to the Planning Commission to prepare a Temporary Moratorium Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, is to preserve the status quo while the Township Planning Commission researches Data Centers and BESS as a land use within the Township and submit a recommendation to the Township Board for consideration after public hearing.

The forgoing resolution offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ as presented and hereby adopt the Non-Zoning Temporary Police Power Moratorium Regulatory Ordinance, being Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, titled, "An Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems."

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye":

"Nay":

Absent:

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Jeff Albaugh  
Marshall Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Marshall Township at a meeting held on the date first stated above.

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Jeff Albaugh  
Marshall Township Clerk  
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Marshall, Michigan 49068  
<https://www.marshalltownship.org/>  
[jeff@marshalltownship.org](mailto:jeff@marshalltownship.org)  
269-781-7976

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP**  
**COUNTY OF CALHOUN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

**EFFECTIVE: Upon publication after adoption**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON**  
**DATA CENTERS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a temporary moratorium on considering applications for Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems ("BESS") within the Township, while Marshall Township completes a study of the ordinances and regulations pertaining thereto and considers possible subsequent revisions to current ordinances pertaining thereto; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP**  
**CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I**  
**FINDINGS**

In accordance with Public Act 1945 PA 246, MCL 41.181 *et seq.*, as amended, Marshall Township has determined the following:

1. The Township Board of Marshall Township determines that the approval of Data Centers and BESS may result in or produce negative impacts on permitted land uses and development and may harm the public health, safety and general welfare of property owners and residents of Marshall Township.
2. Recently, the Township Board has received significant comments and information from the public raising public health, safety, and welfare concerns about the impacts of Data Centers and BESS on the residents and property owners of the Township.
3. The Township has a legitimate public purpose in assessing the regulation of the establishment and use of Data Centers and BESS within the Township to ensure that Data Centers and BESS do not interfere with other land uses, or have substantial negative impacts on the environment, public health and safety.

4. The Township Board finds that adopting a temporary moratorium is reasonable and necessary for, among other reasons, the following reasons:
  - A. Michigan courts have recognized that a temporary moratorium is a common and legitimate tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.
  - B. The Township Board desires to review and study the public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding Data Centers and BESS, and any Township regulations that may impact and/or regulate such projects.
  - C. The adoption of a temporary moratorium will allow the Township Board adequate time to study and possibly implement revisions to the Township's ordinances and regulations, including attention to and consideration of citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.
5. The Township Board accordingly determines that it is desirable and in the public interest for the reasons set forth above that the Township Board adopt a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for Data Centers and BESS.

**SECTION II**  
**MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM**

The Township Board adopts a temporary moratorium on the acceptance and/or processing of any applications for a Data Center and BESS. The temporary moratorium is for six (6) months from the effective date of this Ordinance, or until the effective date of any amended or new Township ordinances or regulations addressing Data Centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

**SECTION III**  
**EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM**

Before this moratorium expires, the Township Board may extend the temporary moratorium for Data Centers and BESS by resolution of the Township Board as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments or additions to its ordinances and regulations.

**SECTION IV**  
**SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION V**  
**REPEAL**

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION VI**  
**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE/EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication, after adoption.

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP  
Jeff Albaugh, Clerk  
13551 Myron Avery Drive  
269-781-4403  
[jeff@marshalltownship.org](mailto:jeff@marshalltownship.org)  
<https://www.marshalltownship.org/>

## Subject: Fwd: Proposed moratorium on Data Centers



clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
to Roy Griffiths

Mon, Feb 9, 3:39 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Feb 9, 2026 at 3:23 PM  
Subject: Re: Proposed moratorium on Data Centers  
To: Susan Vandeventer <[REDACTED]>, Rochelle Martinez <[REDACTED]>,  
Cc: <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, LuAnne Kozma <[REDACTED]>, Jim Rudolph <[REDACTED]>, Jim McMahon <[REDACTED]>

Dear Susan, Rochelle and Winnie,

Thank you for your letters outlining your concerns about Data Centers. I share your concerns as well. The Data Center issue appears to have been generated since the Planning Commission included Data Centers in the Master Plan, as suggested by legal advice. Lawyers across the state are advising their municipal clients about "getting ready" or "prepare for" the possibility that a Data Center may apply for a Use Permit.

What will the Township Board do? We will undertake the preparation, review, study, research, fact gathering/information about current facilities, compile conditional safeguards, etc which will be recommended by the Planning Commission in a proposed Township Ordinance, after many public meetings, at some future date.

The Moratorium which we will be addressing and voting on tonight actually will give the Township a legal right to take 6 months to undertake the study and research necessary to recommend a certain Data Center Ordinance. We cannot exclude a use in the Township, as that would violate constitutional rights. Proper planning is wisdom.

I believe that a Township can require so many legal safeguards that a possible application may be thwarted because the cost of doing business in that Township would be prohibitive or implausible. That requires good planning and research and that is exactly what Hayes Township intends to do, if we pass the moratorium tonight. Yes, the moratorium can be extended for a reasonable period, if necessary, but not indefinitely. Case Law requires, "within reason".

I have been assured by every official and employee in Hayes Township that there have been no requests, no hints, no discussions about a possible Data Center in Hayes Township, except lawyers telling us to prepare and plan to adopt a Data Center Ordinance, because an application may appear on our doorstep some day in the future. WE must be prepared and we must plan accordingly. To do nothing is unacceptable and borders on misfeasance/nonfeasance.

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Bill Conklin  
231-373-0059

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From: **Bill Conklin** <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 9, 2026 at 3:23 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed moratorium on Data Centers

To: Susan Vandeventer <[REDACTED]>, Rochelle Martinez <[REDACTED]>

Cc: <clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov>, LuAnne Kozma <[REDACTED]>, Jim Rudolph <[REDACTED]>, Jim McMahon <[REDACTED]>

Dear Susan, Rochelle and Winnie,

Thank you for your letters outlining your concerns about Data Centers. I share your concerns as well. The Data Center issue appears to have been generated since the Planning Commission included Data Centers in the Master Plan, as suggested by legal advice. Lawyers across the state are advising their municipal clients about "getting ready" or "prepare for" the possibility that a Data Center may apply for a Use Permit.

What will the Township Board do? We will undertake the preparation, review, study, research, fact gathering/information about current facilities, compile conditional safeguards, etc which will be recommended by the Planning Commission in a proposed Township Ordinance, after many public meetings, at some future date.

The Moratorium which we will be addressing and voting on tonight actually will give the Township a legal right to take 6 months to undertake the study and research necessary to recommend a certain Data Center Ordinance. We cannot exclude a use in the Township, as that would violate constitutional rights. Proper planning is wisdom.

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Kristin Baranski  
Hayes Township Clerk  
9195 Major Douglas Sloan Road  
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720  
231.547.6961



**Foia response**

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Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
To: Kristin Baranski <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 21, 2026 at 6:24 PM

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From: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
To: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2026 18:51:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Data Centers  
Thanks, this is quite helpful.

On Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 2:26 PM Bill Conklin &lt;supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

I met Roger Soldano while getting a haircut in town and he called asking about our Data Center issue - afterwards he stated that Norwood has started the process, asked for his info and advised about our STR - he passed along their Ordinance as well.

So I pass it along -- Bill

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From: Roger <skybox53@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 5:31 PM  
Subject: Data Centers  
To: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

As promised Bill, here is my recommendation to our board. I'll send you our STR ordinance tomorrow.

Roger

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From: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
To: LuAnne Kozma <luannekozma@gmail.com>  
Cc: Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>, Hayes supervisor <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
Bcc:  
Date: Mon, 30 Mar 2026 08:30:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: data center work group support  
Thank you for the reply.

On Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 1:18 PM LuAnne Kozma &lt;luannekozma@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

No, sorry, can't do that.

LuAnne

On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 9:37 AM Roy Griffiths &lt;rwgriffits3@gmail.com&gt; wrote:

Good Morning LuAnne,

Following up on our previous email regarding the work group's membership, we would like to request your contribution to the process.

Given your demonstrated interest in data center actions in court and lawsuits on applications for data centers in other areas of the State, we could use your assistance in monitoring and reporting on these actions, specifically an analysis of what arguments were made by the two sides and the rationale for any legal decisions.

If you could provide a monthly analysis—or updates whenever significant actions occur—it would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to discuss this further if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Roy Griffiths  
Julies Collard

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From: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
To: Donald Gregory <[REDACTED]>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2026 10:09:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: data center work group request  
Good morning,

Please follow this link to the township website for the list of workgroup members. you can also find the STR group on the website.

Roy

[https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.hayestownshipmi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Data-Center-Work-Group-1.docx&hl=en\\_US](https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.hayestownshipmi.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Data-Center-Work-Group-1.docx&hl=en_US)

On Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 4:42 PM Donald Gregory <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Hi Roy, Who is on the Data Center Committee?

On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 5:50 PM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:  
Good afternoon Donald,

The work group proper consists of 5 members. These five will have the duty of preparing the recommendations to the PC. We have the ability to ask certain individuals to assist us in areas of particular importance. The goal of this is have more help from people while we work to compile information.

We have asked you first, given your interest and your involvement in the area. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated and incorporated as appropriate in the groups recommendations. As the task of the work group is primarily gathering information and distilling it into a usable package of information for near future use by the PC and the Board to insure that the township is well positioned to respond to any potential data center project, should one ever come to pass. Keeping track of the rapidly changing political environment is vital.

I hope this clarifies the importance of the ask.

Best regards,

Roy

On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 1:10 PM Donald Gregory <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Hi Roy, Does this mean I'm on the subcommittee? I got a communication earlier today that I wasn't. Cuidate

On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 9:32 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:  
Good Morning Donald,

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Given your demonstrated interest in data center legislative actions and the related messaging in the upcoming election cycle, we could use your assistance in monitoring and reporting on these developments across the state.

If you could provide a monthly analysis—or updates whenever significant actions occur—it would be greatly appreciated. I am happy to discuss this further if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Roy Griffiths  
Julie Collard

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To: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>, Alexander Curley <alexandercurley@gmail.com>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2026 16:27:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Your resignation from the data center work group?  
All,

As FOIA Coordinator I will take care of this.



Kristin  
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2026, at 4:16 PM, Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffits3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffits3@gmail.com)> wrote:

Should thi come on a form?

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From: Alexander Curley [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:42 PM  
Subject: Fw: Your resignation from the data center work group?  
To: Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffits3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffits3@gmail.com)>, Treasurer Julie Collard <[treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov)>

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From: "LuAnne Kozma" [REDACTED]  
To: "Alexander Curley" [REDACTED], "Hayes supervisor" <[supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Your resignation from the data center work group?

I should say, whether you had a role in choosing the group members or not, please send me a copy of your resignation letter or email.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 3:27 PM LuAnne Kozma [REDACTED] wrote:

Alex,

I see the data center work group has been chosen. Did you have a role in choosing the members of the group? If not, could you please send me a copy of your resignation letter from the position of co-leader of the group and copies of the communications that Roy Griffiths took your place in that role?

Last I knew, an email from Julie Collard said you and she were coming up with a process for choosing from the applicants.

This is a FOIA request.

Thank you,

LuAnne Kozma  
9330 Woods Road  
Charlevoix MI 49720

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From: Roy Griffiths <[rwgriffits3@gmail.com](mailto:rwgriffits3@gmail.com)>  
To: "ctmagnetics@aol.com" <[ctmagnetics@aol.com](mailto:ctmagnetics@aol.com)>  
Cc: Treasurer Julie Collard <[treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov)>, Hayes supervisor <[supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com](mailto:supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com)>, Kristin Baranski <[clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov](mailto:clerk@hayestownshipmi.gov)>  
Bcc:  
Date: Sat, 21 Mar 2026 12:35:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Advjsory Work Group Members  
Ok, you can keep her. We will gracefully relinquish our request for her services.

On Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 12:18 PM ctmagnetics@aol.com <[ctmagnetics@aol.com](mailto:ctmagnetics@aol.com)> wrote:

Julie/ Roy

The STR Committee has already been chosen and published on the Township website. Since it is already published I believe that we will look confused again if we start changing people. We would really like to keep the people that we have and are already planning the first meeting / sending out information to all members.

Please let me know if you have a problem with us keeping the named members.

Thank you  
C.T. Martin

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On Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:56 AM, Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

So as far as I can tell, This person applied for both groups and both selection processes decided that wanted her. I am not sure that there would be a technical problem for her to serve on both, but I think we should only have her on one. Maybe the answer is to have Kristin as a neutral third party ask her which one she wants to be on and go with that? I understand that str got to the finish on the selections first , but the DC group had an organizational issue to overcome. This does not need to be a bigger deal than asking her to choose, in my opinion.

My \$.02

On Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 9:25 AM ctmagnetics@aol.com <ctmagnetics@aol.com> wrote:  
Good Morning—now I am totally confused.  
We already posted the members of the STR committee  
Are we changing that decision now?

C.T.

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On Friday, March 20, 2026, 8:34 PM, Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bill & CT-

I have spoken to Alex and Roy since the meeting this afternoon. We have our members chosen, which included Mandie McKay. Mandie applied to be on the Data Centers group, and I think Kyle Perry would be an outstanding person to fill her spot on STR. He will be a fantastic resource for that group.

I'm going to post the Data Center Advisory Group list this weekend. When I hear back, I will update your list at the same time I post mine.

I'll keep an eye out for your confirmations.  
Thanks!  
Julie



Julie Collard--Hayes Township Treasurer

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. -Martin Luther King Jr.*

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From: Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>  
To: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com>  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Date: Thu, 19 Mar 2026 13:01:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Data Centers and Alexander Curley -  
all good -- no issue.

On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 11:15 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

I did not mean your well or opinion, rather the well of public opinion. Sorry if it came across that way.

On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 10:06 AM Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com> wrote:

I understand your explanation about the sensitivity of the issue and my concerns. I am available on Friday whenever it works best.

Thanks for your perspective as well - but it has nothing to do with one person poisoning my well, as I felt that it was not good when you first mentioned Alex as leader. Their website corroborated my initial thoughts.

Bill

On Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 8:02 AM Roy Griffiths <rwgriffits3@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning all,

Bill, thank you for speaking with Todd on this. While I do not think it is necessarily in the long term best interest of the township to eliminate good people from serving us in the many challenges we face, I do understand that we have been pushed into a complex public corner by the actions of one individual.

If our overriding goal is to best manage the potential impact of hyper-scale data centers should an entity seek to develop one in the township, then I reluctantly agree that whatever we end up with must be accepted by the public. Last night's ridiculous display demonstrates how far detached from common sense the township has been dragged. We cannot afford to have that happen with this issue. To that end, I suspect the well has been poisoned enough with Alex's role as workgroup leader that he

and I will switch roles on the committee.

In order to do this in a manner that respects his work and role in the community I believe that you and I need to meet with him privately to explain the concerns you have outlined and talk with him about what's best for the township. The timing of the change and the rationale behind it for public consumption can be fleshed out.

If you are available on this Friday perhaps we can reach out to Alex and meet him at the hall? Please feel free to call me to discuss this if you have any concerns.

Roy

On Mon, Mar 16, 2026 at 8:29 PM Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Roy and Kistin --

I talked with Todd and received his analysis and thoughts that since Alexander was on the Committee which is advisory only, he did not see a conflict of interest.

I understand what he is saying technically and probably from a legal perspective, I do not agree since the Advisory Committee will be gathering information, investigation, research and we all know that such efforts can be skewed to support a position - I will probably be criticized on the STR for having a perspective about enforcement -

I just do not think that the Township should open itself to undue criticism based on his employment relationship with a company that is fostering a partnership with data centers - the appearance will damage the Township, in my opinion.

I have talked with 5 people who are business people 8+ years in the township who have never attended a Board meeting and 3 outside supervisors and they all said that it was not a good idea as Alexander could be influenced not openly but by an internal mechanism which is subtle and not apparent - that opens the door for suspicion.

I am not taking a Hayes Voters for Change perspective as I have not talked to any of them, this is my gut feeling based on my view that all government must be above reproach in their dealings with all matters --

I think Roy should be chair and if Alexander is on the Committee then LuAnne should also be on the Committee to balance out the appearance of partiality - I know this idea will hit the moon - but it's best that I offer an alternative than a blanket no - (and I am not stuck on LuAnn being on the Committee, either), but it appears to be a viable option given her involvement in Marshall and Saline - she does research issues.

I will explain my position in my Supervisor's Report or at the next meeting, just so I can cover myself that I addressed the issue, offered my opinion and whatever is decided, is decided and I can move on. I do want the record to be clear however.

Please know that I am not being opposed to Alexander or either of you, it is what appears right to me and nothing else. I hope you can trust that. Lawyers are trained over time to separate personal from what the law requires or what seems right apart from personality or position.

Thanks for understanding my position.

Bill

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From: clerk hayestownshipmi <clerkhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

To: Roy Griffiths <rvgriffits3@gmail.com>

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Tue, 10 Mar 2026 22:49:37 -0400

Subject: Fwd: Follow-up questions after last night's BOC meeting

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bill Conklin <supervisorhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

**Date:** March 10, 2026 at 10:19:43 PM EDT

**To:** Sheri McWhirter <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Follow-up questions after last night's BOC meeting

Hello Sheri -

Sorry for the tardy response as I was in Board of Review all day.

In response: Yes your first paragraph is true - we extended the Moratorium for 12 months by an Amended Resolution.

The Planning Commission appointed Alexander Curley to the Data Center Advisory Committee; he is employed in the Maintenance Dept by Holtec at the former Big Rock site, as I was told. In February a resident raised her objections since Alex Curley was employed by Holtec. Last night's objections [with the Website from Holtec] raised a significant issue last night, to wit: July 31, 2025 "Holtec International announces HI-CLOUD, a new initiative focused on converting decommissioned nuclear power plant sites into secure, utility-ready data center campuses..." I think that this quote, allegedly outlined on their website, raises some issues, which must be researched.

The evidence submitted last night about Holtec needs further study re: Mr. Curley's appointment to the Committee. I am not certain of the standard in determining whether there is a conflict simply by his employment with Holtec. Although he is employed by Holtec, does that fact, in and of itself, require a recusal to serve or a finding of a conflict? I am not certain, although the "appearance" of a conflict seems evident. Lawyers are required to avoid the appearance of impropriety, but lay individuals are not held to that standard. Therefore, I need to do some research and discuss the matter with the township attorney.

The Advisory Committee was appointed to investigate and study the various methods to address Data Centers and if an Ordinance is required then what conditions, safeguards, etc can be required to protect the environment and the community, if or when an entity makes application for a Data Center in Hayes Township.

Yes, the Township Board referred the investigation and study about a Data Center Ordinance to the Planning Commission who appointed Alexander Curley to the Committee and Julie Collard, Treasurer volunteered from the Board of Trustees to be on that Committee. The Committee has not been formed, however, a number of individuals have submitted their applications to be named to the 5-7 member Committee. Yes, we expect that Committee to submit their recommendations to the Board of Trustees within the next 6-9 months. That will give the Board a few months to study their recommendations and make a decision.

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Thank you for your inquiry - please feel free call me if you have any questions.

Bill Conklin  
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 2:23 PM Sheri McWhirter [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Bill,

I'm following up with you after watching last night's Board of Trustees meeting for Hayes Township.

I want to double check with you that the data center proposal moratorium was extended from six months to 12 months. And that the board added back in the wording about aggrieved property owners' ability to seek a hearing to argue the moratorium has blocked a viable economic use.

Is that all accurate?

Also, what are your thoughts regarding objections to the township's data center committee including Planning Commission member Alexander Curley, who is employed by Holtec?

Has any legal counsel advised against having Mr. Curley on that committee?

How will the township respond to this concern over conflict of interest voiced by the public last night?

I'm going to copy Mr. Curley on this email so that he can join the conversation.

Also, I read in the supervisor's report about Mr. Curley and BOC Treasurer Julie Collard working with several community members on the Data Center Committee, expected to meet over the next six to nine months. I simply wanted to confirm that info was also accurate, since you didn't speak about it during last night's session.

Thanks for your help,

*Sheri McWhirter*

Environment reporter

MLive/Grand Rapids Press  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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From: Roy Griffiths <rwgriffitts3@gmail.com>  
To: Alexander Curley <acurley.pc@gmail.com>, Hayes Treasurer <treasurerhayestownshipmi@gmail.com>

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Sun, 8 Mar 2026 17:41:00 -0400

Subject: Fwd: Email for Joe Gorney

FYI a potential source of info. Do you have the write up from the MTA blog that another township has put together? If not let me know and I will dig it out.

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From: Leslie Cunningham [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fwd: Email for Joe Gorney

