

Yates Township Board

**Regular Meeting
Thursday May 16, 2024**

Yates Township Community Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S. Nelson Road
Idlewild, MI 49642

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:02pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Kurt Johnson, Supervisor – Present
Barbara McGregory, Clerk – Present
Jacqueline Patterson, Treasurer – Present
Charles Atkins, Jr., Trustee – Present
Shawn Coffey, Trustee – Present

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Johnson moved to add Park and Rec application and PC vacancies to the agenda, seconded by Clerk McGregory

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Guest Speakers

Betti Wiggins spoke about Certified Local Government and wanting the board to approve a resolution to create a Historic District Study Committee. Chris Grier spoke also, as the Township Historian.

Leroy Williams spoke about losing 45% of their budget.

Sheriff Martin wasn't in attendance.

Clerk Report

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve April 18, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey –YES

Motion Carried

Clerk McGregory moved to approve monthly bills, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey –YES

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Clerk McGregory.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Departmental Reports

Assessor: No report

Fire Department: Treasurer Patterson read fire department's report.

Henrietta Summers Senior Center: No report.

Maintenance Department: Shawn Coffey reported that he had to repair the lawn mower and get two new tires for the trailer. He also will be buying the materials for the Henrietta Summers Center project.

Planning Commission: Chris Grier reminded everyone to be thinking about the Master Plan information to help with finalizing it.

Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement: Blair Evans read the zoning report in the absence of the zoning administrator.

New/Old Business

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Idlewild African American Chamber of Commerce rental of the township grounds for Meeks Homecoming Jazz & Blues Festival -August 3, 2024, seconded by Trustee Atkins.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Lake County Merry Makers Summer Oasis Festival and Glamping Event August 16-18 2024, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve Point Broadband Metro Act Renewal for 5 more years. seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Grier World Cultural Communication Bingo request, seconded by Clerk McGregory.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Treasurer Patterson moved to accept Supervisor Johnson's resignation letter from the Yates Township Planning Commission Board, seconded by Clerk McGregory.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson to appoint Blair Evans to new term on the planning commission. Seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson to appoint Chris Grier to new term on the planning commission. Seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to post the 3 planning commission vacancies with the new form, seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to post the 5 parks and rec vacancies, seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the budget resolution to put the budget back in the care of the supervisor, seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the Lake County Merry Makers America250 resolution, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

After speakers Betti Wiggins and Chris Grier spoke about Certified Local Government Supervisor Johnson moved to approve forwarding the information to the Township Attorney Cliff Bloom to review and put in resolution form, seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Public Comments were made.

Treasurer Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGregory". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Clerk Barbara McGregory