

Yates Township Board

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday July 18, 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 5:00pm
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**

Clerk McGregory asked to add to the agenda, paying the election workers the day of the election and Cemetery issues. Trustee Coffey asked to add Asset disposal and Township Attorney communications. Move by Treasurer Patterson, seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

**Guest Speakers**

Sheriff Martin spoke about murder in Idlewild maybe moving to another court system for trial and a new deputy.

Beth Ann Blass- Murphy, Pathfinder Library spoke about what passing the millage means to the Community and the programs that the library offer.

**Clerk Report**

Clerk McGregory moved to approve June 20, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

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:** Treasurer read Assessor's report.

**Fire Department:** Chief Eric Meehan was in attendance, they had 8 runs and let us know the radios are here and installed. Also asked approval for \$1200 to purchase an aluminum flatbed.

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

**Henrietta Summers Senior Center:** Betty Foote thanked everyone for their kindness while she was going through her heart procedure. She thanked everyone for their contribution to the beautiful flowers at the center.

**Maintenance Department:** Shawn Coffey reported that he did repairs at Henrietta Summers Center and more are needed.

**Planning Commission:** Chris Grier thanked the board for voting on the zoning ordinance and asked for help from the community when working on the Master Plan.

talked about the adoption of the zoning ordinance. And more work to be done by the Township board.

**Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement:** Supervisor Johnson read the zoning report in the absence of the zoning administrator.

### **New/Old Business**

Supervisor Johnson explained that the laundromat at the Henrietta Summer Center is closed due to our insurance company no longer willing to insure a laundromat inside of a Municipal building.

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve Parks & Recreation Regulatory Ordinance 93.01, seconded by Clerk

McGregory

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Approval of the Historic District was postponed until the August 15,2024 meeting.

Clerk McGregory moved to approve paying the August 6, 2024 election workers the same day.

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 get bids for the clearing of trees in the Cemetery Blocks 17, 18, 19, Seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Trustee Coffey wanted to approve the sale of the property parcel #15-261-011-00 lots 11,12,29&30 Block 161 Idlewild #3 to Leroy Williams and his wife. After much discussion Clerk McGregor moved to have a closed session with the Township Attorney ASAP to discuss the selling of the property to the Williams. Seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; C. Atkins – YES; S. Coffey – NO

Motion Carried

Trustee Coffey rescinded his motion to have all communication with the Attorney be with the whole board.

Public Comments were made.

Board of Trustee Comment was made by Supervisor Johnson about having Town Hall Meetings

Treasurer Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGregor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Barbara McGregor".

Clerk Barbara McGregor