

Yates Township Board

Regular Meeting

Thursday August 15, 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

Public Comments on the agenda were made about the sale of property parcel # 15-261-011-00.

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Johnson asked to add approval to take the MTA Supervisors Webcast Package for \$150 and for Blair Evans to attend Michigan inland Lake's convention October 2, 2024 for \$225. and to remove approval to sale parcel 15-261-011-00. Treasurer Patterson move to approve the changes, seconded by Clerk McGregory.

Seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Guest Speakers

Cliff Bloom, Twp Attorney was on zoom and talked about the Marijuana Ordinance, the type and number of facilities the township wants to have and make a recommendation to the planning commission for an ordinance.

Sheriff Martin wasn't in attendance.

Erik King, Lake County Emergency Manager, introduced himself as the new Manager. He spoke about grants available and free smoke detectors. Also asked that the board pass a resolution to adopt hazardous mitigation plan.

Leroy Williams spoke about starting the second brining and made sure Glade Street was included.

Clerk Report

Clerk McGregory moved to approve July 18, 2024 meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

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

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson-YES; B McGregor – 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 Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Departmental Reports

Assessor: No report.

Fire Department: Chief Eric Meehan was in attendance, they had 12 runs and let us know the radios are all programmed and in use. Also asked approval for \$2000 to purchase a skid unit.

Henrietta Summers Senior Center: Betty Foote said they are feeding about 29 seniors Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday. She thanked the volunteers for their help and to Western Michigan University for their contribution of beautiful flowers at the center.

Maintenance Department: Shawn Coffey reported that he is waiting for one more bid to get the pine trees on Williams Island cut. Also wants to move forward in painting the old library.

Planning Commission: Blair Evans gave the report in the absence of Chris Grier. He stated that they didn't have a meeting last month due to no quorum. He gave an update on the MTA annual conference he attended. Also wants to partner with the County to authorize Western Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission to have a conversation about Parks & Recreation. Trustee Coffey moved to authorize Blair Evans to represent the Township to have a conversation with the County Parks & Recreation with WMSRDC, seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Zoning Report: No report due to bereavement.

New/Old Business

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Beulah Guydon as a planning commissioner, 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 Kyle Green as a planning commissioner, seconded by Trustee Atkins.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

The board discussed the Park & Recreation and will vote on who the board wants for the commission at the September 19, 2024 board meeting.

The board has decided to post the letter from our Attorney explaining Certified Historic District on the Township Website. Supervisor Johnson asked that the public take a look at the letter.

The board postponed the recommendation for the Marijuana Ordinance for the planning commission until August 29, 2024 at a special meeting.

Treasurer Patterson moved to have the fire department purchase a skid unit for \$2000, seconded by Trustee Coffey

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 his taking the MTA Supervisors Webcast Package for \$150, seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson move to approve Blair Evans to attend the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention For \$225, seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Public Comments were made.

Treasurer Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm seconded by Trustee Coffey

Respectfully Submitted



Clerk Barbara McGregory