

Yates Township Board

Regular Meeting

Tuesday January 21, 2025

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 5:01pm
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

Comments on the agenda were made by Amy Ellis wanted to know about the MTA Conference.

Approval of the Agenda

Treasurer Patterson moved to add approval of 2 Lake County Merry Makers events to the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the agenda with corrections, seconded by Clerk McGregory.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Guest Speakers

Sheriff Martin let the Township know about a shooting in Newago County, a body found in Lake County and train derailment.

Clerk Report

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Coffey

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve monthly bills, seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Clerk's Update

Clerk McGregory reported that the Township maintenance team is sick and in our prayers.

Treasurer's Report

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

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Departmental Reports

Assessor: Treasurer Patterson read the assessor's report.

Fire Department: Chief Eric Meehan was not in attendance.

Henrietta Summers Senior Center: William Diggs, acting director, was not in attendance.

Maintenance Department: Shawn Coffey reported that the truck was in the shop for snow plow issues.

Planning Commission: Chris Grier reported that there will be a special meeting for the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance on January 27th at 5pm.

Zoning Report: Supervisor Johnson read the zoning administrator report in his absence.

Pending Business: Supervisor Johnson discussed adding pending business.

New Business

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the date and time of the annual Electors meeting for March 29th at 12 noon, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule, seconded by Clerk McGregor

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the Broadway/MLK sign revision, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Board of Review Members, seconded by Treasurer Patterson

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Linda McClure to the Planning Commission, seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the term lengths and vacancies of the ZBA members.
Seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson discussed Amy Ellis's term expiration and applications will be accepted.

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Trustee Erica Tate to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve for himself and Blair Evans to attend the MTA Spring Conference March 31 to April 3 2005 at \$400 each. Seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson moved to approve 3year Emergency Generator Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Michigan CAT, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.

public Comments were made.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Clerk McGregor moved to approve supporting Chris Grier's Grant application, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Approval for use of additional Township Hall rooms was postponed until the February meeting.

Trustee Coffey moved to approve a hearing to remove a Yates Township Transportation Authority member, seconded by Clerk McGregor.

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – NO B McGregor – NO; J Patterson – NO; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Treasurer Patterson moved to approve June and August 2025 Lake County Merry Marker's events on Township grounds, seconded by Clerk McGregor

Roll Call Vote

K. Johnson – YES; B McGregor – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Public comments were made.

Supervisor Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm seconded by Treasurer Patterson

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGregory". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted".

Clerk Barbara McGregory