Yates Township Board

Regular Meeting
Tuesday February 18, 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 5:08pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Kurt Johnson, Supervisor – Present
Barbara McGregory, Clerk – Present
Jacqueline Patterson, Treasurer – Present
Erica Tate, Trustee – Present
Shawn Coffey, Trustee – Absent

No comments were made on the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda
Treasurer Patterson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Tate.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
Motion Carried

Guest Speakers
Sheriff Martin was not in attendance.
Lydia Hicks gave a presentation about Black Eden Art Alliance.
Howard Lodholtz County Commissioner, told us that the jail/court house is paid off. He is looking for someone to be on Parks and Rec board and Planning Commission Board. Also, the county is starting conversations with Material Management to have County wide Waste Collection.
Clerk Report
Clerk McGregory moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting Minutes, seconded by Treasurer Patterson.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
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; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
Motion Carried
Clerk's Update
Clerk McGregory had no updates to report.

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; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
Motion Carried

Departmental Reports

Assessor: Clerk McGregory read the assessor's report.
Fire Department: Supervisor Johnson read Chief Eric Meehan's report in his absence.
Henrietta Summers Senior Center: William Diggs, acting director, spoke about how well everything is going.
Maintenance Department: Supervisor Johnson gave the report in Shawn Coffey's absence. The parts for the plow are in and the truck is fixed, Shawn trained maintenance on plowing.
Planning Commission: Chris Grier had technical issues on zoom so Blair Evans reported that there will be a hearing for the recreational marijuana February 21, 2025 at 5:30pm
Zoning Report: Supervisor Johnson read the zoning administrator report in his absence.

Pending Business: Supervisor Johnson moved to approve Chris Grier use of Township Hall Rooms. Seconded by Clerk McGregory.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – YES; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson talked about the progress of inventory of the Township property.

The Cemetery expansion has been postponed.

Supervisor Johnson spoke on the progress of the cameras being installed at the Township.

The board decided that the issue of the Yates Township Transportation Authority Board has been resolved.

New Business
Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the artwork that was put on the Flamingo by Black Eden Art s Alliance. Seconded by Clerk McGregory.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – YES; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – NO; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – ABSENT
Motion Carried

Supervisor Johnson read the purposed marijuana zoning ordinance.
Supervisor Johnson read the purposed marijuana regulatory ordinance and will finish reading at the March 18, 2025 meeting.
Review of the Short-Term Rental regulatory ordinance will be read at the March 18, 2025 meeting.

Amy Ellis commented on the Cemetery expansion.
Chris Grier recommended that the Township have more than 1 Marijana transporter.

Trustee Tate spoke about having open gym during Spring Break.

Treasurer Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm seconded by Trustee Tate

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara McGregory

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