Yates Township Board

Regular Meeting
Thursday April 17, 2025
Yates Township Community Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S. Nelson Road
Idlewild, MI 49642

MINUTES

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

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

Clerk McGregory asked that one of the board members move to have Someone chair the meeting in the Supervisors' absent. Trustee Coffey move to have Clerk McGregory chair the meeting, seconded by Trustee Tate.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – ABSENT; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – ABSENT; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

No public comments were made on the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda
Trustee Tate wanted to add Parks and Rec to the agenda and Clerk McGregory wanted to add Stephane Conroy as a speaker Watson. Clerk McGregory moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Coffey.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – ABSENT; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – ABSENT; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES
Motion Carried

Lake County Officials
Sheriff Martin spoke about medication drop off at the sheriff office. Please don't flush down toilet. Two deputies are retiring but will come back as contracted workers. First black Chief deputy sheriff and first female deputy from Newago County as sergeant with the Lake County Sheriff office. Also, the prison reopening.

Clerk McGregory moved to approve prior meeting minutes from March 18, March 20, March 26, April 8, and April 10, 2025 with corrections on March 20 minutes, seconded by Trustee Tate.
Roll Call Vote
K. Johnson – ABSENT; B McGregory – YES; J Patterson – ABSENT; E Tate – YES; S. Coffey – YES

Motion Carried

Clerk Updates

Clerk McGregory gave her cell number for anyone having issues with zoom to text her during the meeting. Also, she stated she will be working Fridays for any seasonal residents who need assistance this summer on a day that we are normally closed.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Reports from Departmental Heads:

Assessor: Clerk McGregory read the Assessor's report.

Fire Department: Chief Meehan said they had 7 runs and to please call the burn line for burning permits.

Henrietta Summers Center: William Diggs wasn't available for the Henrietta Summers Center report.

Maintenance: Trustee Coffey had no updates.

Planning Commission: Blair Evans spoke in the Chair Chris Griers' absence

Zoning administration & Ordinance Enforcement: Clerk McGregory read the report.

Parks and Rec: Trustee Tate gave report on the skating party. They had 14 children and 8 spectators. Pompei Pizza donated pizza, Peytons bar & grill and Mid-Michigan also donated.

New Business:

Clerk moved to approve McClure-Rabb Rental of Williams Island -July 12 and August 2nd. Seconded by Trustee Tate.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Clerk McGregory moved to approve herself and her deputy to do the ordinance enforcement until someone is hired.

Clerk McGregory moved to approve the refund of Marihuana License fees, seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Guest Speakers: Tanya Scales and Mary Doke from Arise to Health spoke about an exercise program they have every Sunday at 1234 Washington Baldwin MI 49304.

Stephane Conroy of Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency spoke about help with Weatherization assistance to local residents who qualify.

Public comments were made.
No board comments were made.

Clerk McGregory moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm seconded by Trustee Tate

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara McGregory

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