Yates Township Board

Regular Meeting
Tuesday – January 20, 2026
Yates Township Community Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S. Nelson Road
Idlewild, MI 49642

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Grier called the meeting to order at 5:06pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Chris Grier, Supervisor – Present
Barbara McGregory, Clerk – Absent
Jacqueline Patterson, Treasurer --Present
Erica Tate, Trustee – Present
Shawn Coffey, Trustee – Present at 5:32pm

Public Comments limited to 3 minutes

Approval of the Agenda
Supervisor Grier identified the additions:

- Xerox Contract review
- Zoning – Idlewild Terrace #4 text amendment & map from Planning Commission
- Use of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Treasurer Patterson, Seconded by Trustee Tate

Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Lake County Officials:
Lake County Sheriff Rich Martin in attendance shared creation of the REACT program. A partnership with Lake County Association of Minister to curtain violence and use of guns in community through youth programs. Also shared was the success of the 2025 Toy Drive.

Clerk's Report: Items 7a, b, c approved, Unanimous consent
Treasurer's Report: Item 7d approved, Unanimous consent

Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Reports from Departmental Heads:

- **Assessor: Absent – Report on file.**
- **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Eric Mehan, absent, report on file.
- **Henrietta Summers Center:** William Diggs, absent, report on file.
- **Maintenance:** Trustee Coffey, no report.
- **Planning Commission:** Planning Commissioner Amy Ellis provided report.
- **Zoning administration: Eric Cody, absent, no report**
- **Ordinance Enforcement**: Report was read by Ordinance Enforcement Officer Carmen Grier.
- **Parks and Rec:** Trustee Tate – No report

Pending Business:
Motion by Trustee Coffey to use Basic Otter Software for meetings as a trial at no charge.
Seconded by Trustee Tate.
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Coffey to approve Master Plan Proposal Price $20,000 to $25,00
Seconded by Trustee Tate.
Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 1 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Coffey to approve resolution to adopt Yates Township Marihuana license application form and fees.
Seconded by Trustee Tate.
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Patterson to approve application window for Marihuana licensing for the period of 2/1/26 thru 4/30/26.
Seconded by Trustee Coffey
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Patterson to approve Zoning and Map Amendment to Idlewild Terrace #4.
Seconded by Trustee Tate
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

New Business:

Motion by Supervisor Grier to table Agenda items 10 a, Yates Township Poverty exemption and 10 b, General Appropriations Act.
Seconded by Treasurer Patterson
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Grier to approve Resolution honoring Joe L. and Fredna O. Lindsey
Seconded by Trustee Coffey
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion by Treasurer Patterson to approve new Xerox copier lease for equipment upgrade.
Seconded by Trustee Tate
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Motion to approve Supervisor Grier's at attendance at MTA Capital Conference March 17, 2026.
Seconded by Trustee Coffey
Voice Vote: Yea – 4; Nay – 0 Absent/Abstained Clerk B. McGregory
Motion Carried

Supervisor Grier gave public information about the "New Supervisor Listing Tour" with dates and locations.

Guest Speakers: No guests speakers

Public comments were made.

Treasurer Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm seconded by Trustee Coffey.

Respectfully Submitted

Marshelean Garrett

Deputy Clerk Marshelean Garrett