

Yates Township Board
Special Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Yates Township Office Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S Nelson Rd., Idlewild, MI 49642

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Grier called the meeting to order at 5:07
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
 - ☐ P__ Supervisor Grier
 - ☐ A__ Clerk McGregory (excused)
 - ☐ P__ Treasurer Patterson
 - ☐ P__ Trustee Tate
 - ☐ A__ Trustee Coffey
4. **Public comments limited to 3 minutes**
5. Motion made by Treasurer Patterson, to approve of the agenda with the following additions, 4 rental applications for Williams Island, 3 Updated Township Forms, and Adding Prosecuting Attorney, Tom Evans as speaker. **Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea - 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.**
6. Lake County Officials:
 - Sherrif, Rich Martin – absent
 - Prosecution Attorney, Tom Evans
7. **A.** Motion made by Supervisor Grier to approve the minutes for February 17, 2026, and to pay the monthly bills.
Seconded by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote Yea – 3; Nay 0 Motion Carried.
B. Motion made by Treasurer Patterson to approval the Treasurer's Financial report.
Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0. Motion Carried.
8. Motion made by Supervisor Grier to accept the departmental reports for the Assessor, Henrietta Summers Senior Center, Maintenance, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator.
Second by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.
 - The Fire Department Report was read by Treasurer Patterson
 - Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Carmen Grier, gave her report via Zoom
 - Parks and Recreation report was given by Trustee Tate
9. **Pending Business:**
 - a. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to approve the new Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027, to be scheduled the third ***Tuesday of the month at 4pm.*** During the months of ***July, August and September, meetings will begin at 5pm.*** **Seconded by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried**
 - b. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to change the April meeting (Township will be closed, due to board members attendance at the MTA Conf and Expo April 21,2026). A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:00pm.

- c. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to approve Blair Evans and Carmen Grier to attend the MTA Conference and Expo, April 20 – 23, 2026. **Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.**

10. New Business:

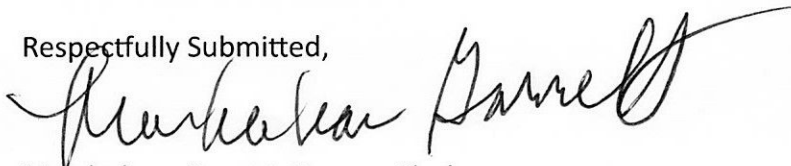
- a. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to adopt and approve the Resolution for the Short-Term Rental Application form and establish fees for the Short-Term Rental Licenses.
Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0; Motion Carried.
- b. **Motion made by Treasurer Patterson**, to Table the Short-Term Rental Application start date.
Additional discussion needed.
Second by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay-0; Motion Carried.
- c. **Motion made by Treasurer Patterson** to approve and accept the Resolution to Amend, Restate and Adopt the Yates Township Fee Schedule and establish Administrative Authority for Cost Recovery and enforcement with a correction on Section 7 – Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund to be 10% and correction to Section 8 – Facility, Grounds and Camping Rentals to add the Senior Center Small Meeting Room to be \$75 for Residents and \$125 for Non-Residents.
Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay-0; Motion Carried.
- d. **Motion made by Trustee Tate** to pay the Blight inspection fee to the Lake County Building Department in the amount of \$4,060.00. **Second by Treasurer Patterson.**
Voice Vote: Yea – 2; Nay – 1; Motion Carried
- e. Announced the Series of Special Meetings for the Budget Amendment, Budget Hearing and Approval and the annual Meeting of the Electors.
- f. **Motion made by Treasurer Patterson** to approve the 4 rental applications for Williams Island for the following dates 7/11/26 Education for Youth, 8/1/2026 Historical Divine 9 Greek & Beach Day, 6/20/2026 Idlewild Juneteenth Festival and 7/25/2026 Return of Idlewild 2026.
Second by Supervisor Grier, Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried
- g. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to approve the new Reimbursement form, Incident Reporting form and Small Animal Farm Permit Application form.
Seconded by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.

11. Public Comments limited to 3 minutes

12. Board Member Comments – None

13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Marshaean Garrett, Deputy Clerk

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