



“Yates People for Progress”

2022 RECALL OF YATES TOWNSHIP CLERK



Lawful Reasons Why You Should Sign the Petition for Recall

Items listed in [Blue](http://www.yatespeopleforprogress.org/recall) have supporting documents. See website at www.yatespeopleforprogress.org/recall

REASON #1:

The current Clerk “has not maintained township financial records according to state standards as evident by the June 2021 statutorily required auditor’s report and auditor’s subsequent email to current Clerk in September 2021.”

Proof:

- ◆ [Yates Township Auditor’s report 2021](#): This review of the 2021 Annual Budget found that the Clerk failed to prepare financial statements according to Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) as required under Michigan Compiled Law 41.65.
- ◆ [Auditor’s response to budget vs actual expenses](#): Township Clerk uses an incorrect method of accounting which causes errors in tracking expenses against the budget. These errors prevent various departments from having the funds to operate.
- ◆ [Budget vs actual expenses](#): A financial report from the Clerk falsely indicated that the Planning Commission was over budget. That was due to the fact that she used the incorrect accounting method. She failed to fix problem after the auditor told her how.

REASON #2:

The current Clerk “has not, since Dec 2020, provided other Township officials with the materials they need to perform their jobs. This includes not providing Board packets on time to Board members as required by the Township Board and Administrative Policies Manual Section 2.18, and also not providing requested documents to the Planning Commission and the ZBA.”

Proof:

- ◆ [Trustee memo to officers](#): Letter from Yates Township Trustees to the Clerk’s office with their complaint of not receiving agendas and supporting documents as required by Township policy. This has blocked the Trustees’ ability to make informed decisions.
- ◆ [Summary of unfulfilled requests](#): Email sent from Yates Planning Commission Chair/Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chair — listing previously unfulfilled requested Planning Commission documents as well as ZBA minutes & Zoning Appeal findings regarding Camping Ordinances & Building Permits, etc. At the time of the Chair’s email request, all items were unresolved, and at this point, most have still not been completed.
- ◆ [Repeat notification of problem with camping ordinance that the Township published](#): The Clerk failed to publish the correct camping ordinance to the Township website after repeated notification of the error. As a result, property owners, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and the Ordinance Enforcement Officer did not have access to the correct camping ordinance. In addition, this caused the Lake Co. Land Auction to publish that camping would be legal on listed properties, which is **NOT** allowed under the correct adopted ordinances.

Reason #3:

The current Clerk “has regularly dispersed Township funds since December 2020 without prior board approval.”

Proof:

- ◆ [Partial Transaction detail report](#): At the Oct 28, 2021 Township Board Mtg the Clerk’s “transaction detail by account” report from Sept 20 thru Oct 17, 2021 showed that check #14238 issued by the Clerk, in the amount of \$1,000.00 was shown to have cleared without prior Board approval. Township checks require the Clerk’s signature. Issuance of any check by the Clerk requires prior board approval, according to Michigan Compiled Law 41.76.

Summaries of Recall reasons provided above. For more information: www.yatespeopleforprogress.org/recall