

Kearney Township Board Meeting
August 6th, 2018
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Present – Niepoth, Hagood, and Valuet. Absent – Petrie, Fleet

No conflict of interest was noted.

Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve the agenda as presented, carried.

Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve the minutes of the July 2nd meeting with changes, carried.

Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve the payment of the bills contingent upon verification of the Graham Wendling balance owed, carried.

Public comment: Judge Norman Hayes attended the meeting and spoke about the types of matters he handles as Probate Court Judge in Antrim County. Barbara Bradford spoke about and provided information on Great Lakes Energy's Trustream Fiber optic internet service under construction in the Petoskey area.

Old Business:

Nothing new received from Verizon on the cell tower.

Discussed the proposal by Michael Houserman for field inspection services involving up to 750 parcels in each of the 2019 and 2020 calendar years. Motion by Hagood, seconded by Valuet to accept the Houserman Field Work Proposal with the stipulation that payment would be made in two installments with one installment in the first fiscal year and the second installment in the following fiscal year, carried.

Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve the employment contract with Assessor Karleen Helmreich effective through August 30, 2021 with a change to the heading and language of the last paragraph deleting the word “contractor”, carried.

Supervisor advised that Jim Smith has and will provide a copy of his liability insurance.

Supervisor provided additional information regarding the request to use the township hall as an Alternative Emergency Operation Center. The hall would be used as a communications center only. Pursuant to board discussion, Supervisor will request a letter providing additional detail on how the hall will be used if it serves as an emergency operation center.

Supervisor advised that he had not yet received the road millage language from Bryan Graham who is currently reviewing and revising same.

New Business:

Supervisor provided an update on the township ambulance authority meeting of July 24th, advising that operations are going well under the new director, they are looking into the possibility of purchasing a new, smaller ambulance vehicle and various administrative matters.

Public comment time was given.

Written reports provided by Clerk/Treasurer.

Supervisor advised that correspondence was received from the Village of Bellaire regarding a public hearing by the Planning Commission to be held on August 7, 2018 to amend the PUD on certain parcels.

Supervisor comments.

Motion by Hagood supported by Niepoth to adjourn the meeting, carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle Valuet, Trustee