

Kearney Township Board Meeting  
November 7, 2018  
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No conflict of interest was noted.

Motion by Hagood supported by Valuet to approve the agenda with the addition of C. under New Business: Resolution on MI SB 396, carried.

Motion by Hagood supported by Valuet to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting with the words “to the possible text amendment” being deleted from the 1st paragraph under Old Business and a new paragraph added under New Business, “Board discussed Riverside tax tribunal matter settlement proposal emailed by township counsel. Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to accept settlement offer as specified by counsel.”, carried.

Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totalling \$18,622.42, contingent upon clarification of Derman bill, carried.

Public comment: Shanna Hanley, Miller and Cook, reviewed the results of the 2017/2018 fiscal year audit and made recommendations for the coming year.

Old Business:

With respect to the Verizon tower, a public hearing is scheduled on November 19, 2018 at the Planning commission meeting, on a request by Verizon to add towers as a use by special use permit to the RR Zoning District.

Valuet discussed changes made to Ms. Meyers agreement. Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve the Antrim County Operations Agreement with changes, carried.

Niepoth updated Board on Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy. Motion by Hagood supported by Valuet to approve Consumers Energy agreement as presented, carried.

New Business:

Niepoth updated Board on the Township Ambulance Authority meeting held October 30, 2018. The ambulance authority is still looking at other options for another ambulance and working on a disciplinary policy.

Treasurer updated Board on various CD options, available at three banking institutions, to invest money currently held in a money market account. Also discussed Huntington Bank with respect to whether FDIC insurance is available since general fund account is also there. Motion by Niepoth

supported by Hagood to withdraw \$200,000 from 4Front account to be invested in a Certificate of Deposit. Treasurer to determine bank in which the funds will be invested.

Treasurer explained ACH positive pay system available through Huntington Bank. Under this system the Township would be protected from unauthorized electronic withdrawals. Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to approve ACH positive pay arrangement for general fund account.

Board discussed the proposed Resolution on Michigan Senate Bill 396 provided by Burt Thompson. Motion by Valuet supported by Hagood to adopt the Resolution on Senate Bill 396 with changes, roll call vote: Yes – Niepoth, Hagood and Valuet. No-0. Motion carried.

Public comment time was given.

Commissioner update by Bryan Smith.

Written reports provided by Treasurer/Supervisor.

Supervisor advised that correspondence was received regarding a Road Commission Board opening and the Antrim Conservation District elections to be held on December 6th.

Supervisor comments.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle Valuet, Trustee