

Kearney Township Board Regular Meeting  
4820 Aero Park Drive, Bellaire, MI 49615

February 7, 2022

Minutes

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

Roll Call: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood and Alger.

Conflict of Interest: None.

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

Motion by Murray, supported by Alger, to approve the December 6, 2021 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Alger, supported by Hagood, to approve payment of the bills and monthly bank service charges as presented, totaling \$22,781.89, carried.

Public Comment: Triston Cole advised he is running for State Senate and of changes resulting from redistricting. Kearney Township will be part of the 104<sup>th</sup> district for State Representative effective January 1, 2023. The Senate district will remain basically the same. Chuck Shumaker, Bellaire Fire Chief, provided a report and answered questions on the Fire Department's activities during the past year.

Old Business:

Supervisor updated Board on the January 25, 2022 Township Ambulance Authority regular meeting.

Board discussed attorney's recommendations on draft Cemetery Ordinance. Valuet to incorporate changes and follow up with attorney on further defining Cemetery Sexton and Clerk roles.

A notice regarding the vacancy on the Planning Commission Board will be placed in the Antrim Review.

New Business:

Board reviewed Consumers Energy Company Franchise Agreement. Clerk will contact the Consumers representative for a copy of the current agreement. Tabled until March meeting.

Administrative requirements related to the American Rescue Plan award were discussed. The Board agreed that the Clerk will serve as Account Administrator, and Point of

Contact/Representative for Reporting.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve the agreements for summer tax collection for Bellaire Public Schools and TBAISD, as presented, carried.

Board discussed renewal of the Township's road millage. Clerk will request Township attorney prepare proposal language, to include on the ballot this year, to renew current .5 millage for a term that coincides with a regular election cycle.

Board briefly discussed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget hearing was set for March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board will review proposed budget numbers at the March 14<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.

Public Comment: Resident asked if the Board was familiar with Paser software that provides condition ratings associated with roads. Mr. Cole advised of additional potential sources of funds for road repairs/replacement.

Officer Reports: Valuet advised that the Township attorney hourly rate will increase effective April 1, 2022 and there will be school millage proposals for Bellaire and Central Lake Public schools on the ballot for the May election.

Correspondence: Supervisor mentioned receipt of Sheriff's Report.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to adjourn meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk