

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

February 6, 2023

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, with the following change/addition: 9. C. and D. consolidated and letters regarding ROBIN Grant added under New Business (10.H.), carried.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Alger, to approve the January 2, 2023 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$22,251.76, carried.

Public Comment: Ed Blugerman, Summit Village Association President and long term resident, discussed the need for Kearney Township representation on the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority Board. Kevin Hoch, Antrim County undersheriff, updated the Board on staffing and summarized 2022 year end activity report. Rob Burghardt, Revolution Waste, proposed dates for Spring Clean Up. A quote will be provided by the March Board meeting.

Old Business:

Leslie Meyers provided background information on unclaimed cremains and potential burial in Antrim County Township cemeteries. A proposed agreement was requested from the County.

Projects added to list for ARPA funding consideration, including generator upgrade, hall painting, hall door repairs/replacement and purchase of BS&A software.

Motion by Valuet, seconded by Hagood, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Policy, Resolution No. 02-06-2023A, carried. Roll Call: Yes: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood and Alger. No: None. Absent: None.

Discussed information obtained from MTA regarding Emotional Support Animals. Motion by Hagood, supported by Alger, to not allow access to Township Hall by Emotional Support Animals. Hall lease agreement will be forwarded to Township Attorney to address.

New Business:

Discussed Treasurer and Supervisor Hotmail email issues and cost of dedicated domain name. Supervisor and Treasurer will establish gmail emails instead of the Township pursuing a dedicated domain name.

Discussed proposed Resolution for Bellaire Fire Department Cost Recovery Rates. Fire Chief will be invited to March Board meeting to address questions.

Proposed 2023/2024 Budget reviewed. Question raised regarding Social Security contributions by elected officials covered by pension plan. Auditor opinion will be requested. Budget hearing/special meeting will be scheduled on March 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Niepoth, supported by Murray, to reappoint Robert Hughey to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve 2023/2024 meeting schedule with corrections, carried.

Motion by Alger, supported by Valuet, to move March 6th regular Board meeting to March 13th at 7:00 p.m., carried.

Reviewed letters of support for ROBIN grant application by Peninsula Fiber Network and Great Lakes Energy. Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve letters of support for middle-mile and end-mile fiber installations, carried.

Public Comment:

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports: Valuet: Letter received from Bellaire Public Library with meeting schedule, budget, and 2022 Year in Review; newsletters received from Tip of the Mitt and Antrim Conservation District.

Correspondence: Supervisor: Village meeting on February 22nd to discuss Craven Park goals; Planning Commission to review latest drafts of a Solar Energy ordinance and Master Plan at its next meeting.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk