

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

June 5, 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 Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve agenda, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Alger, to approve the May 1, 2023 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$18,028.73, carried.

Old Business:

Questions raised by Valuet on sample Nuisance Ordinance. Email to be sent to Township attorney with questions. Item tabled.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Alger, to approve Hall Lease Agreement as presented at Board meeting on May 1st, carried.

Alger discussed follow up with GeoModel and GPRS regarding radar imaging of Brydon and Eldred Cemeteries. GPRS can complete the job in accordance with Township requirements. Alger to obtain updated proposal from GPRS.

Policy Resolution for use of Township attorneys discussed with change to Recital B proposed. Motion by Murray, supported by Alger, to adopt Resolution No. 06-05-2023, Establishing a Policy for Utilizing Township Attorney Legal Services, with changes in Recital B, carried. Roll Call: Yes: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood and Alger. No: None.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to approve the L-4029, 2023 Tax Rate Request, as presented, carried.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to approve Northeast Michigan Council of Governments proposed Zoning Ordinance contract, carried.

New Business:

Supervisor updated Board on Eddy School Road project. Proposed contract provided by Antrim County Road Commission. Proposed amended 2023/2024 Road Fund Budget presented. Motion by Valuet to approve the amended 2023/2024 Road Fund Budget with fund balance expenditures of \$400,000, as shown on the proposed amended budget. Hagood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to approve Contract for Road Improvements, as presented, carried.

Supervisor reviewed letter sent to Zoning Administrator by Township attorney regarding tents on Eddy School Road property. Supervisor and Zoning Administrator will contact attorney to request a letter to the property owner.

Discussed availability of fire department equipment grant. Valuet/Alger to follow up with Fire Board Chief.

Supervisor provided information on proposed Agreement with the Village and Tractor Supply. Motion by Valuet, supported by Alger, to approve signing of Commercial Property Water Service Extension and Franchise Agreement, carried.

Supervisor reviewed letter from County Treasurer regarding procedural change on First Rights of Refusal on Tax Foreclosed Properties. No action needed at this time.

Public Comment: It was pointed out that the tents discussed earlier are located at Eddy School and Shumaker Roads, not Oslund. E. Elrod, Zoning Board of Appeals Board member, asked about scheduling a meeting of the ZBA.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports: Clerk advised of the following: monthly ADT rate increasing; Election Proposal 2 update; reminder that Alger term on Planning Commission Board expires in July, Jacques term on ZBA expires in August; Clerk will attend MTA Cemetery Management course on June 20th; memos regarding Antrim County Committee vacancies; MTA guidance on emails provided; \$50 check received from claim filed in March, 2022 relating to Zoom privacy lawsuit; \$1,500 received from election security grant filed in October, 2022; information provided on 218 agreement relating to Social Security coverage of elected officials with pension plan.

Correspondence/Supervisor Comments: ballot for election of Par Plan Board members and various newsletters/Sheriff's report received; EGLE emails regarding violations at Intermediate Lake Road property; additional flags needed for cemeteries; Gary Mortenson advised of an issue with the Eldred Cemetery building door and tree removal needs; Fire Board to be contacted regarding filling water tanks at cemeteries.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to adjourn meeting at 8:14 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk