

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

August 7, 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 Alger, to approve agenda, as amended, with addition of 9.C. Ball Field Request, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve the July 3, 2023 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$64,700.35, carried.

Public Comment: Dan Bennett, Village Council President, requested \$12,000 for the ball field dugouts; Dan Bean presented the Sheriff's Report and updated the Board on personnel vacancies and other department news; Township resident raised concerns about short term rentals in the Valley View/Golf View neighborhood at Shanty Creek, provided location information, and referenced the Blue Lake Township Short Term Rental Ordinance recently published in the Antrim Review.

Old Business:

Discussion on proposed Nuisance Ordinance tabled until the September meeting.

GPRS completed the radar imaging and mapping of the Brydon and Eldred cemeteries. Valuet updated Board on documents provided by GPRS and the results.

Questions and comments raised by Board members regarding the Village of Bellaire's request for \$12,000 for ball field dugouts. The goal is to have the ball field, to be used by the high school, completed before practice sessions in March. Tabled until September meeting.

New Business:

Motion by Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve Wolverine Fireworks permit for a display at Shanty Creek on September 2, 2023, carried.

Valuet requested that the FOIA coordinator be changed from the Supervisor to the Clerk. Many

of the FOIA's received relate to Election records or emails received by the Clerk. Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to adopt Resolution #: 08-07-2023, Freedom of Information Act Coordinator Resolution, carried. Roll Call: Yes: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood, and Alger. No: None.

Public Comment: With regard to the Township cemeteries, Dan Bennett mentioned that the Veteran's office may have information on Civil War veterans.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports: Clerk advised: November Board meeting date needs to be changed - millage election the day after the scheduled meeting; request from AT&T for Metro Act Permit extension, relevant documents to be provided after meeting; Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks education seminar on August 30; MTA Clerk retreat the end of September; and no office hours next week. Treasurer advised that more people are paying property taxes online.

Correspondence: Supervisor reviewed correspondence received since last meeting.

Supervisor Comments: Updated Board on need to amend Section 6.07 of the Township Zoning Ordinance; Zoning Administrator working to resolve junk car issue with resident; and meeting scheduled with owner of 28 lots in Hawk's Eye/Cedar River area.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to adjourn meeting at 8:17 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk