

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

October 2, 2023

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Conflict of Interest: None.

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

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve the September 5, 2023 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$12,656.57, carried.

Public Comment: Sheriff Hoch updated the Board on the cost of updating the current jail and administrative offices versus constructing a new proposed Public Safety Center. 5,000 survey cards have been distributed to residents for their feedback. Monthly Sheriff's Report reviewed.

Old Business:

Email from Township attorney regarding pet owner definition discussed. Niepoth to follow up with Township attorney. Tabled until next month.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve Ballfield Agreement with the Village of Bellaire, as presented, carried.

Discussed additional information relating to Permit Extension request from AT&T for an additional five years, through December 31, 2028. Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to approve the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension request, carried.

New Township Assessor Employment Contract and request for Assistant Assessor position discussed. Changes to the Contract and a job description for the Assistant Assessor position were recommended. Motion by Valuet, supported by Alger, to accept Township Assessor Employment Contract, with changes, and addition of Assistant Assessor position, carried.

New Business:

Amendment to Section 6.07 of the Township Zoning Ordinance tabled until County Planning Commission comments are received.

Valuet reviewed Early Voting Plan and Board responsibilities associated with the Plan. Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to approve Kearney Township's Single Municipality Early Voting Plan for 2024 state and federal elections, carried.

Public Comment: Sheriff Hoch updated the Board on Narcotics Team partnerships with Traverse City and Charlevoix; and replacement of 911 communication tower on Orchard Hills Road.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business and advised of a Brownfield Project Redevelopment Training on October 9th.

Officer Reports: Treasurer: IRS matter resolved. Clerk: request from resident for published Board member/Planning Commission Board member emails; F65 and Qualified Statement filed with State; annual Audit filed, hard copy to be provided by Hanley & Miller.

Supervisor advised of correspondence from Paddle Antrim regarding Appreciation Gathering on the 11th; Planning Michigan Conference that D. Jacques will attend on October 4th; and various newsletters.

Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk