

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

November 13, 2023

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Conflict of Interest: None.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve agenda with addition of New Business, 10. E. CD approval, carried.

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

Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$45,339.21, carried.

Public Comment: Township Planning Commission Chair, L. Elrod, recommended Zoning Administrator attend MSU Zoning Administrator Certificate Program to improve awareness of current legislative and other issues.

Old Business:

Motion by Valuet, seconded by Hagood, to adopt an Ordinance to amend Section 6.07 of the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 11-13-2023A), carried. Roll Call: Yeas: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood, and Alger. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Niepoth, seconded by Hagood, to adopt Nuisance Ordinance (Ordinance No. 11-13-2023B), deleting Definitions "Harbor or Harboring", "Owner of a cat or dog", and all of paragraph I, carried. Roll Call: Yeas: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood, and Alger. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to hire Zach Amos as Assistant Assessor, to be paid \$15.00 per hour for any office time and \$22.00 per hour for new construction, not to exceed \$5,000.00 per budget year, carried.

New Business:

Motion by Hagood, supported by Alger, to approved Giar Excavating's proposal for snow plowing, \$58/half lot and \$88.00/full lot, carried.

Clerk advised Board of email to MTA regarding the increased election related responsibilities and time needed for implementation and training relating to Early Voting and addressing that in a Salary Resolution. Clerk requested an increase in salary for the remainder of this fiscal and next fiscal year. No action taken.

Clerk advised Board of receipt of one quote to install State approved Ballot Drop Box. Supervisor asked if Trustee Alger would like to provide a quote. Clerk also mentioned obtaining a quote for the Early Voting (EV) laptop. Awaiting notice from State whether it will be providing EV laptop.

Board discussed current Reimbursement Policy and whether revisions are needed. No action taken.

General and Road Fund Certificates of Deposit (CD's) mature on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Valuet, supported by Niepoth, for Treasurer to determine the best interest rate for Township by either rolling over the current CDs or opening new CD's, and transferring \$100,000 from the General Fund checking account to the existing or a new General Fund CD, carried.

County Commissioner VanAlstine was not present but asked Supervisor to advise Board that a new feasibility study was planned to determine the needs for a County jail.

Supervisor updated Board on the Township Ambulance Authority and correspondence.

Officer Reports: Treasurer: winter tax bills to be issued. Clerk: FOIA received.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Valuet, to adjourn meeting at 8:09 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk