

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

March 4, 2024

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 Alger, to approve agenda, with change under New Business reversing the order of 10. C. 2024/2025 Township Board Meeting Schedule and 10.D. Potential changes to the Early Voting Plan for the August/November elections, carried.

Motion by Alger, supported by Hagood, to approve the January 29, 2024 Township Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$38,027.63, carried.

Public Comment: Fire Chief Shumaker presented year end report and confirmed Fire Board Budget meeting to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; Sheriff Hoch discussed current issues with phone and computer scams and monthly report; Township attorney, Peter Wendling, discussed short term rentals, current applicable sections of the Township Zoning Ordinance, and how other Townships have handled short term rentals by licensing in conjunction with a police power ordinance; resident raised potential zoning violation on Brookwood Lane; and Barry Cole introduced himself and advised he is running for Probate Judge.

Old Business:

Notice of Intent to Update the Township Master Plan were sent out last month. Board member comments on the draft Plan were forwarded to the Township Planning Commission.

County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan discussed. Alger raised questions regarding plan.

New Business:

The spring on the garage door at Eldred Cemetery needs to be repaired. Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to accept quote from KGD Services, carried.

Awaiting comments/approval of the draft Commercial Event Facility by the Antrim County Planning Commission.

Clerk discussed the cost of the nine days of Early Voting for the Presidential Primary. Clerk to explore possibility of consolidating the Early Voting, for the August and November elections, with other Townships to reduce costs. If a revised plan is pursued it must be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

2024/2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule discussed. April and September meetings moved to second Mondays. Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve Meeting Schedule with changes, carried.

Public Comment: Licensing of short term rentals encouraged.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports: Treasurer: online tax payment system working well and settlement with County to be done. Clerk: Township attorney office increasing hourly fees; email received from Deana Jerdee, executive director of Paddle Antrim; and shared email from Election Inspector and Chair regarding recent Election.

Supervisor Comments: mentioned resident comments regarding Board member interaction, during Public Comment, at a Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk