

**Kearney Township Board
Joint Meeting held at
Bellaire District Fire Authority
735 Broad St., Bellaire, MI 49615**

March 18, 2024

Fire Board Budget Hearing Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Kearney Township Roll Call: Niepoth, Valuet, Hagood, and Alger. Absent: Murray.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Jim Colombo (Fire Board Member), to approve minutes of March 20, 2024 fire board meeting, as presented, carried.

Public Comment: None.

Vince Carpenter, Fire Board Treasurer, presented the financial reports and answered questions on the proposed budget.

New Business:

Motion by Valuet, supported by Smith (Forest Home Twp.), to approve 2024/2025 Budget as presented, carried.

Kearney Roll Call Vote: Yes: Niepoth, Valuet, Alger, and Hagood. No: None.

Absent: Murray.

Forest Home Roll Call Vote: Yes: Smith, Kent and Mahan. No: None.

Absent: Crandall and Steiner.

Motion by Niepoth, supported by Smith (Forest Home Twp.), to approve 1.4 millage rate to fund the 2025/2026 Operating Budget, carried.

Kearney Roll Call Vote: Yes: Niepoth, Valuet, Alger, and Hagood. No: None.

Absent: Murray.

Forest Home Roll Call Vote: Yes: Smith, Kent and Mahan. No: None.

Absent: Crandall and Steiner.

Motion by Kent (Forest Home Twp.), supported by Smith (Forest Home Twp.), to approve Alden State Bank and 4Front Credit Union as depositories for Fire Department funds, carried.

Kearney Roll Call Vote: Yes: Niepoth, Valuet, Alger, and Hagood. No: None.

Absent: Murray.

Forest Home Roll Call Vote: Yes: Smith, Kent and Mahan. No: None.

Absent: Crandall and Steiner.

2025 Fire Board Joint meeting will be scheduled on March 17, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk