

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

April 8, 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 Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve agenda with addition of 10.E. Dog Licenses, carried.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Alger, to approve the March 4, 2024 Township Board Budget Hearing and Special Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve the March 4, 2024 Township Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Alger, supported by Hagood, to approve the March 18, 2024 Township Joint Fire Board Meeting minutes, as presented, carried.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, totaling \$19,729.36, carried.

Public Comment: Stacey Truesdell introduced herself and advised she is running for Probate Judge; short term rental owner read the executive summary and provided a draft short term rental Ordinance for Board consideration.

Old Business:

Master Plan: additional changes/comments to be provided to Planning Commission Board.

Motion by Valuet to adopt the 2023 Antrim County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution No. 04-08-2024A, seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet and Hagood. No: Alger. Absent: None.

Hagood commented on the Amplified Sound section of the proposed Commercial Event Facilities Ordinance. Motion by Valuet, seconded by Alger, to adopt Ordinance No. 04-08-2024B, an Ordinance to amend the Kearney Township Zoning Ordinance Concerning Commercial Event Facilities. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood, and Alger. No: None. Absent: None.

Board discussed short term rentals and Supervisor advised of correspondence received suggesting rezoning of Valley View area. No action is planned at this time.

New Business:

Motion by Hagood, supported by Alger, to accept terms of Hanley CPA, PLLC engagement letter for Bring-up, carried.

Clerk provided background information on the proposed Resolution and Agreement to consolidate Kearney and Echo Townships for Early Voting. Motion by Valuet, seconded by Murray, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Early Voting Site and Municipal Agreement, Resolution No. 04-08-2024C. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Murray, Hagood, Alger and Valuet. No: Niepoth. Absent: None.

Clerk explained need for Ballot on Demand equipment, funding for which will hopefully be provided by the State through a grant.

Rob Burghardt, Revolution Waste Solutions, presented a quote for the Spring Cleanup and suggested meeting in the fall to approve dates for next year's cleanup so it can be included on the reverse of December tax bills. Motion by Hagood, supported by Valuet, to accept proposal from Revolution Waste Solutions for spring cleanup, as presented, carried.

Hagood explained that the County can sell dog licenses so it is not necessary for the Township to do so. Motion by Hagood, supported by Valuet, for the Township to stop selling dog licenses, carried.

Public Comment: Questions on availability of draft Master Plan and future land use map; whether the Special Use Permit application is online, it is; comment that there is a lot of discussion, both pro and con, for short term rentals; and comments in support of short term rentals.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports: Clerk attended Paddle Antrim meeting and advised of request to complete survey; invitation to Bellaire Public Library farewell/welcome open house; email regarding new email addresses for County staff; and filed request for reimbursement for Presidential Primary.

Correspondence: Supervisor mentioned FEMA letter, Antrim Conservation District newsletter, Economic Development Corporation letter; and Three Lakes Association quarterly.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk