

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

December 1, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Township Board Members: Niepoth, Murray, Valuet, Hagood and Comben.
Planning Commission Members: Jacques, Rix and Murray.

Special Meeting Purpose: To hold a joint meeting with the Kearney Township Planning Commission to discuss the current Township Zoning Ordinance with C. Kaufman, Bauckman Thall attorney.

Conflict of Interest: None.

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

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve the Board meeting minutes of November 10th, as presented, carried.

Motion by Comben, supported by Murray, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, in the amount of \$19,281.39, carried.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

Catherine Kaufman, attorney from Bauckman Thall law firm, Zoning Discussion: Board members raised questions, issues and concerns relating to the redrafted Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Kaufman was asked to review the current Zoning Ordinance and determine which portions need to be revised to comply with current laws.

Expense Reimbursement Policy Review: Proposed changes will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review openings: No inquiries were received.

New Business:

Approve 2026 Tax Collection Agreements with Bellaire Public Schools and Northwest

Education: Motion by Murray, supported by Comben, to approve the 2026 tax agreements with the Bellaire Public Schools and Northwest Education Services, carried.

Post Auditing Township Bills: Clerk proposed changes to motion approved in 2017. Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to approve Post Auditing changes, as presented, carried.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Winter tax bills have been sent out.

Clerk: Reviewed correspondence: Diving In newsletter, Sheriff's Report, thank you from Project IMPACC, Antrim County Bulletin, and final Audit Report. Meeting on Friday with QuickBooks representative to discuss availability of more cost effective desktop software; I-9's still needed from several employees; reviewed email from County regarding reimbursement of special election costs; Principal on QuickBooks account changed to current Clerk; Bellaire Fire Department Agenda/draft minutes emailed; and list of employees who have and have not converted to mi.gov emails discussed.

Trustee Comben: Attended and provided summary of Public Hearing on Banks Township Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Comben, supported by Hagood, to adjourn meeting at 8:33 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk