

Kearney Township Regular Board Meeting
4820 Aero Park Drive, Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-5719

Minutes

February 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Conflict of Interest: None.

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

Motion by Comben, supported by Murray, to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 5, 2026, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, in the amount of \$19,295.05, carried.

Public Comment: Sheriff Hoch updated Board on department business.

Old Business:

Zoning Board of Appeals opening: Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to appoint Mike Moreen to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term, carried.

Budget worksheet: Reviewed proposed 2026/2027 budget, added and adjusted entries where needed.

Wage Schedule: Discussed increase in wages/salaries to be included in the 2026/2027 budgets.

New Business:

Leslie Meyers, information, FEMA response letter: Ms. Meyers was not available for this meeting but will be asked to attend the March 9th regular board meeting.

Discuss new computer for the Assessor: Reviewed quote and determined that a HP computer with a faster processor is needed. Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to approve purchase of HP computer, up to \$1500, carried.

Discuss computer purchase for Planning Commission Chairman and Secretary: Trustee Comben recommended that the Township purchase laptops for Planning Commission President and Secretary to conduct Township business. Clerk to contact Elrod Technology Solutions for quote.

Resolution Adopting Early Voting Site and Municipal Agreement: Clerk provided resolution/agreement for 2024 elections for reference purposes. Resolution/agreement will be updated for the 2026 elections. Echo and Kearney Township will consolidate for early voting for the Primary and General Elections.

Federal ADA Compliance pertaining to Township Website, STG proposal: Discussed requirement that the Township website be ADA accessible by April, 2027. Proposal and background information provided. No action at this time.

Michigan Par Plan Risk Assessment Recommendation: Recommendations from the prior 2020 assessment provided to Board members. Par Plan representative will be contacting Clerk in March to conduct new risk assessment.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports:

Clerk: Bellaire Public Library Annual Report received; MSU Extension Citizen Planner course being offered; email regarding Qualified Heavy Equipment Rental Personal Property distributions; Resource Recycling Systems meeting on February 3rd; PPT Reimbursement Correction process notification; County advised it will not conduct Early Voting; MTA communication regarding Township Governance; March Board of Review scheduled on March 9th and 10th; and various newsletters from County.

Trustee Comben: advised that Planning Commission is working on housing language for next Master Plan; and cited Revenue Sharing changes.

Supervisor: Road Commission letter regarding funds held for future Township road work; and contacting K&K for quote to relocate thermostat in hall.

Motion by Murray, supported by Comben, to adjourn meeting at 8:22 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk