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

June 1, 2026

Minutes

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

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

Conflict of Interest: None.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve agenda, with addition under New Business of I. Bring Up Engagement Letter, carried.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve the May 4, 2026 meeting minutes, with the addition of "by Valuet" after Motion in Great Lakes Energy Franchise Agreement paragraph, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Comben, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, in the amount of $26,661.32, carried.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

Michigan PAR Plan Assessment recommendation: Clerk interviewed by Par Plan representative by telephone. Awaiting recommendation letter to discuss at next meeting.

New Business:

Health Department, TCE Plume update and Well First Policy, Casey Clement: Ms. Clement provided an update on the current approximate trajectory of the TCE plume and explained the Well First Policy and the area affected by this policy. Shannon Klonowski, Health Department officer for Northwest Michigan, provided an overview of community health initiatives.

Trinidad Fireworks Permit, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. 7/3/26: Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve the 2026 permit for fireworks for Shanty Creek on July 3, 2026, carried.

Quote for entrance asphalt repair: The Board needs additional detail on work to be performed. Supervisor to follow-up with contractor.

Zoning Board of Appeals appointment: Motion by Comben, supported by Hagood, to reappoint

Dick Jacques to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term, carried.

Hall television: Additional information needed. Board will discuss at next meeting.

Asset List: Initial list of current computer, election, and printer equipment compiled by Clerk. Clerk requested any additional information board members could provide by the next meeting.

Ordinance to amend the Kearney Township Zoning Ordinance and Map: Trustee Comben, updated the Board on the related Planning Commission meeting. The draft Ordinance was sent to the County for its review. The County has thirty (30) days to review and provide input.

Review quotes for IT support and security: Proposals from Anavon and Blackrock discussed. Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to accept the Anavon proposal dated 5/29/26, as presented, carried.

Bring Up engagement letter: Motion by Hagood, supported by Murray, to approve the engagement agreement, as presented, from Hanley CPA, up to $1700.00, carried.

Public Comment: Sheriff Hoch provided an update on Department activities and personnel.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports:

Clerk: Questions on draft L-4029 raised; FEMA confirmed receipt of letter regarding appeals on floodplain maps; discussed John Hancock delay regarding pension amount; notice received regarding Bee Well Meadery, LLC new small distiller application; reviewed early voting dates and election commission meeting date proposed; and FOIA received relating to QVF data.

Treasurer: Awaiting millage rate from schools; no additional information yet on Point and Pay versus BS&A's payment system.

Trustee Murray: ZBA meeting on June 8th.

Supervisor: Contacted attorney Kaufman: Peter Wendling added to team; discussed attorney fees; moratorium on data centers; regulations on solar and wind energy; and the need for a response on the current zoning ordinance review. Contacted Tim Nyquist regarding Xerox printer settings; dead birch tree on DNR site overhanging Township access point; and procedure for providing agenda items.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk