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

July 6, 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 Comben, supported by Hagood, to approve the agenda, as presented, carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Comben, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026 meeting, as presented, carried.

Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to approve payment of the bills, as presented, in the amount of $65,719.90, carried.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

Michigan PAR Plan Assessment recommendation: Letter detailing recommendations received and reviewed. Plan to implement to be determined.

Ordinance to amend the Kearney Township Zoning Ordinance and Map: Motion by Murray, seconded by Valuet, to adopt Ordinance No. 07-06-2026, carried. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Comben, Hagood, Valuet, Murray and Niepoth. No: None. Absent: None.

Quote for entrance asphalt repair: Motion by Murray, supported by Hagood, to approve proposal from Ahrens for $300, carried.

Hall television: Board discussed purchasing a TV stand instead of attaching TV to the wall. Supervisor to obtain further information on TV stand. Motion by Comben, supported by Hagood, to purchase 85” Samsung Television, carried.

Asset List: Computer equipment audit received from Anavon Technology Group. Additional information needed to update asset list prepared by Clerk.

New Business:

MTA training requests: Motion by Valuet, supported by Comben, to approve training and

mileage reimbursement requests from Supervisor, Planning Commission secretary, and ZBA member Murray to attend MTA Planning and Zoning training, carried.

Attorney review of Zoning Ordinance: Board discussed review received from attorney Kaufman. Also discussed need for Data Center moratorium and alternative energy ordinance language. Supervisor to follow up.

Proposed amendment of properties on Craven Park Drive: Proposed amendment sent to County for review.

ZBA and Planning Commission Board openings: ZBA opening will be posted on website. Letter of interest received from Heidi Shaffer regarding Planning Commission opening. Motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, to appoint Heidi Shaffer to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term and approve attending training on August 26th, if available, carried. Motion to rescind preceding motion by Valuet, supported by Hagood, carried. Motion by Valuet, supported by Murray, to appoint Heidi Shaffer to the Planning Commission for the remainder of Kevin Giar's term, through August, 2027, and to approve training on August 26, 2026, if available, carried.

Assessor email questions: Assessor is currently using maservicesllc email. Board discussed use, by Assessor, of mi.gov email. Supervisor will follow up with Assessor. Also discussed Assessor's request for additional software for computer. Software needed for Planning Commission member laptops as well.

Public Comment: Comment regarding Planning Commission term for new appointee.

County Commissioner VanAlstine updated the Board on county business.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Postage price increasing; tax bills mailed; Township CD's matured on July 2nd and will be rolled over for nine (9) months at 3.4% interest; and discussed possibility of moving money from Road Fund checking account to CD.

Trustee Comben: Public Hearing scheduled on remaining Centennial Hills parcels on July 20th; and requested email from attorney be added to the Planning Commission agenda.

Trustee Murray: ZBA meeting on variance request resulted in the applicant only requiring a zoning permit.

Clerk: Sheriff's report received; L4029's received from Library/County; Anavon IT on board; AF group check correspondence handled by Treasurer; public accuracy test on July 16; Early Voting starts on July 25th through August 2nd; and the Primary is on August 4th.

Supervisor: Assessor audit results received; and contacted Swift audio regarding sound system transmitter issue.

Motion by Murray, supported by Valuet, to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m., carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle D. Valuet, Clerk