

KEENE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2024,

Present: T Hardy, B Hulliberger, T Lewis, B Schafer, & C Wojcik

Absent: No One

The meeting started at 7:04 PM with the pledge.

Officer F. Straubel came to do his quarterly update of what is going on in Keene Township. He is our liaison for our Township. A motion was made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to have Officer Straubel be first at our meeting. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Approval for last month's minutes. Bob made a motion to amend the minutes from December's meeting. Tami replied that she didn't think the minutes should be amended. Brett & Corey also voted no. The December minutes will be accepted as is & Bob's amendments will be used for informational details.

Treasurer's Report: Taylor gave her report on the balances of all the accounts for Keene Township. Talked about the ARPA money and the different items the Township could use the money which needs to be pledged by December of 2024.

Clerk's Report: Tami made a motion to purchase a new computer for the office at the Township. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. All In Favor, Motion Passed. We will ask Russ to help get the computer all set up once it's purchased. The Township would like to use ARPA funds for the computer purchase. Regarding the Election on 2/27/24 Tami talked about the 9 days of voting & the location in Ionia at the old Mercantile Bank Building on Main Street. Hours will be 8:30 to 4:30. All voters should receive a postcard in the mail regarding all the early voting information.

Planning Commission: Regarding the open seat on the Planning Commission, Ray Krieger was asked by Bob to stay on until the seat is filled, which Ray accepted. Other candidates besides Ray are Tom Sprague, Chris Nelson, Holly Melton, Robert Milano, & Sandy Smiley.

Zoning Report: Jeanne gave her report of different items going on in the Township.

Regarding the bills, Brett made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to pay the bills. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Committee Reports: There was discussion regarding a short survey regarding solar. The Board went over some of the questions and rewrote a few of the questions. It was decided sometime in January to get the questions rewritten and then bring the survey back to the February Board meeting to decide when to send out the survey & how to have it returned without costing a lot of money for the Township.

Cemetery Report: No Update

Technology Report: Cori Wilbur gave an update that Ring Central will be going live on 1/9/24. Cori also talked about working on cameras for the Township inside & outside of the Township Building. Also, about each Board Member getting a separate email. Bob also talked about a Standard Lighting Contract with Consumers Power. This could start on April 1, 2024. It would take around \$1000.00 to get the Streetlamp set up and then cost the Township an extra \$5 to \$10 a month.

Bob made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. All In Favor, Motion Passed. The lighting type is called General Unmetered Light Emitting Diode Lighting Rate. Will try to coordinate this lighting with the cameras.

Supervisor Report: ATT Franchise renewal. Motion made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey. All In Favor Motion Passed.

Regarding training materials purchase or sessions. Specific request for WFS training @ \$2400.00 to \$3600.00, perhaps using ARPA funds. Motion made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Regarding the PP Moratorium, which would allow time for the PC to act on a Zoning Moratorium. The dates would be 2/8/24 thru 11/28/24. (The dates can be changed). Bob made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor. Did a roll call vote. Bob yes, Taylor yes, Brett yes, Tami no, & Corey no. Passes 3 to 2 .

A motion was made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to increase the milage rate. Going from .50 cents to .67 cents. All in Favor, Motion Passed. (we are going by the IRS rates) This increase will begin on 1/10/24.

Motion made by Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to Adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM

Submitted By: T Hardy  
Clerk