

KEENE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 14, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robert Simpson with flag salute at 7:00pm.

Guest present: Larry Tiejema, Jeanne Vandersloot, Ed Roth, Bradley Potter, Doug Eddy, Ken Gasper, Lori Larsen, Jani Millard (Life EMS), Paul Spitzley and Bud White (Ionia County Road, Commission), Tim Simmons and Tony Koster from (Saranac Fire Department).

Board members present: Kara Albert, Harvey Noon, Robert Simpson, Corey Wojick and Nancy Feuerstein

Motion made by Corey and supported by Harvey to accept the January Board minutes as written. Passed.

Motion made by Corey and supported by Harvey to pay bills. Motion passed.

Clerk gave report: I attended a meeting on March 8, 2017 about new election equipment at Montcalm Community College. Three different machines were displayed. The State of Michigan will pay for the one machine. We will need to pay any maintenance agreements, after the first year. The machines are smaller and more user friendly. The township will need to purchase a new laptop for the elections. Ours is very old and unable to update anymore. We also will need to purchase a new laptop for the clerk, QVF is going to Windows 10, and ours is only Windows 8. I suggested we use the old clerk's computer to be the election computer.

Kara gave treasurers report.

Jeannie gave report for Zoning in the township. Jeannie gave out handout for Zoning Permits for the Township for the last 12 years. Jeannie has she was slow the month.

Del Linebaugh would like to put a bid in to mow the roads and when we will be taking bids. He has insurance and liability insurance.

Chief Simmons gave the report for the Saranac fire Department. He explained what equipment was to be replaced. Also, very hard to get men to work on for a voluntary fire department.

Jannie Millard spoke about Life EMS services to our township. Life EMS has been covering our township for 20 years. In 2016, 74 were transposed to calls and 59 transported from the township.

Paul Spitzley spoke about the Road Commission plans for the township for the next fiscal year.

1. Intersection of Sayles and Marble Road, which part paved and part dirt is a problem for standing water. Also, is a drop off for the Lowell Schools. To paved this section of the road would cost the amount of \$27500.00. The Road Commission will look into other options.

Several township residents stressed concerns.

2. Lee Road to Sparks Road will need to have 6" of limestone surface for a price of \$40,000.00

Planning Commission Meetings for 2017 are:

February 7, May 5, August 1, and November 7.

Supervisor gave report:

1. Board of Review was held on March 13 and 14. Only 3 people stopped.
2. Trash Day will be April 29, 2017, from 7AM to 12PM.
3. Brining for the township will be the same as last year
4. The MTA meeting is in April and in Lansing this year. Anyone interested let Robert know.
5. Larry Tiejema does the audit for the township and the consulting fee is \$2200.00
Harvey made motion to hire Larry Tiejema, CPA, seconded by Corey.

Next board meeting will on April 11, 2017.

Motion by Corey and supported by Kara to adjourn at 8:49pm.

NANCY FEUERSTEIN

KEENE TOWNSHIP CLERK