

KEENE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2024

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

All Board members are present. The meeting started at 7:05 with the pledge.

Motion made by Corey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett to approve the minutes from the May Meeting.  
All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Clerk's Report: Tami talked about the upcoming elections for August and November.

There will be early voting in Ionia on Main Street.

Tami also reached out to MTA regarding making purchases for the Township. Judy from MTA said everything purchased needs to go thru the Board. Tami made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to purchase the Election supplies for the August and November Elections.  
All In Favor, Motion Passed.

A motion made by Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami to pay the bills. All In Favor, Motion Passed

Treasurer Report: Taylor went over the Township balances of all the accounts. Taylor also gave a presentation regarding the Survey results. 38% of the Surveys were returned to the Township. Taylor also made a motion to pay Michelle Albert for her work gathering all the information regarding the Survey. Michelle had twelve hours into the Survey. The Board thought it would be fair to pay her \$20.00 an hour working out to pay her \$240.00. Taylor made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Taylor then went on to talk about summer taxes. Taxes will be going out in the mail shortly. If anyone wants a receipt, they will have to ask for one when sending their money back to pay the taxes. In with the taxes will be the Township Newsletter. The Newsletter will also be posted out on the Keene Township Website. To mail your taxes, there is a new Post Office Box number, PO Box 40, Saranac, 48881.

Planning Commission: The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2024.

Zoning Report: Jeanne gave her report of what's happening in the Township.

Tech Committee: Cori Wilbur gave an update regarding switching the internet to Starlink. This should go into effect in the next couple weeks.

Supervisor Report: Bob asked if the Candidates were listed on the Website? They are not out there at this time but Jeanne said she could put them on the Website. Bob also went over the L-4029. Truth in Taxation law that affects the Township's operating & fire mileage. Bob explained the Truth In Taxation law & its Headley-like reducing effect on government income. After Bob went over all the information, the Board decided to leave it how it was for another year. Corey made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

Regarding the White's Bridge Fund, Brad Potter, Tom Sprague, & Tom who is on the White's Bridge Board gave an update on White's Bridge.

Nick Rogers from Invenergy would like to set up a presentation regarding solar. Nick is looking at the end of July. As soon as Nick has a date he will get with Township when he has more information.

The Township is having a Forensic Audit. This Audit is about 90% complete. Bob spoke about some that was left in the tax account and should have been moved once a year to a different account. One other issue is PPT, which is a new incentive to collect accumulated delinquent taxes. Keene Township had three of these kinds of taxes. Two of these have been resolved. Deciding what to do with the last delinquent tax issue.

The Township has a Civil Rights in progress. This is from Polly Wolff. Polly felt she was discriminated against when the Board was looking for an alternate on the ZBA Board. The Board & Jeanne apologized to Polly.

Motion made by Corey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett to adjourn at 9:25 PM. All In Favor, Motion Passed

Submitted by T Hardy  
Clerk