

KEENE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019

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

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

Guest present: Bradley Potter, Jeanne Vanderslot, Mike Kennedy, Vicki Kennedy, Jessica Supplee, John Hayden, Bill Payton and Dan Briggs

Motion by Corey to accept last month's minutes. Harvey seconded.

Kara gave treasurer report.

Nancy gave clerks report. Election in May for Kent County ISD. Boston Township will have election at their township hall. Nancy will be working there. Post cards will be sent to Lowell School residents, to remind them to vote. They are being mailed out and printed by Michigan Election Resources.

Kara gave treasurer report.

Motion made by Corey to pay bills and seconded by Kara. Passed.

Jeanne said we would need to amend the specials uses, to include what area marijuana would be allowed and for what uses.

Mike Kennedy spoke about growing marijuana on his property. He wants to put up a building on his property and get license, tightly regulated and secured. He would like to have 500 plants. He will need to apply to State of Michigan for license. The business will be tightly regulated and secured. State will look at building, license and maybe could be completed in 90 days. Only workers will be allowed in building.

No laws are set in place yet for medical marijuana. Township will need to opt in and send paperwork to the State of Michigan.

Bill Patton from Easton Township, said the site will be inspected by the police and also inspect by the Fire Department.

Robert said there are no liabilities to township. County will enforce the rules.

Harvey made a motion to opt out of recreational marijuana. Kara seconded.

Role call vote:

Harvey – Yes

Kara Yes

Nancy Yes

Robert Yes

Corey No

Passed

A public notice will be put into the Shopper's Guide for April 13, 2019 publication and will go into effect within 30 days.

Medical marijuana, we are currently out of the ordinance.

Corey made motion to opt into medical after rules rules and regulations are set by the State of Michigan. Kara seconded. Passed.

Mike and Vicki Kennedy will be the owners and growers. Robert not going to vote, he has a conflict of interest with the growers. Corey, Kara, Nancy opt in and Harvey opposed. Passed

Jeannie issued to building permits.

1. River Valley Construction for a new home.
2. Jones Farm Market for livestock area.

Trash Day will be May 18, from 7am to 12pm.

Motion made by Corey to adjourn at 8:30

Seconded by Harvey. Passed

Trash Day has been moved to May 18, 2019

Robert spoke about recreational marijuana. We will table to next month's meeting. Robert said market value has gone up for homes. Robert spoke about the new budget for the next year. He explained where some of the cost are:

Belding Fire Department- 3 year contract. The township is responsible for \$5500.00. There is 1% increase yearly.

Saranac Fire Department (has 5 twps). The township is responsible for 14.8% of operating budget, our share is \$24000.00 per year. Capital budget for the next year is:

Boots, breathing equipment, coats and service inspections.

Mike Kennedy and Jessica Supplee spoke about Medical marijuana. They would like to start a business for commercial Medical marijuana, class A up to 500 plants. The business would be on Mike Kennedy's property. They would have security cameras and would be tracking of seeds to sell of product. Mike said there would be tax benefits for the township also. No decision made, will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm. Passed