

KEENE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2024

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

Absent: C Wojcik

The meeting started at 7:05PM with the pledge.

Dave DeHaan who is the Township auditor started the meeting off giving an update on the audit.

Next Jason Smith with his helper Kellen (Jason's son) came to give our Township a Presentation on the Saranac Community School 2024 Bond Proposal which will be voted on 5/7/24.

A motion was made by Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting. All In Favor, Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting. All In favor, Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting. All In favor, Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: Taylor gave an update on the Township account balances. Taylor cannot take any more taxes & will forward them to the Ionia County Treasure at the Ionia County Court House.

Clerk's Report: Tami gave an update that the next Election will be on 5/7/24, which we will be voting on 2024 Bond Proposal's for Saranac Schools. A motion was made by Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami to pay the bills thru 4/10/24. All In favor, Motion Passed

Planning Commission: No updates. The next meeting is on 4/18/24.

Zoning Admin: Jeanne gave an update of things happening in Keene Township.

Taylor gave an update on the survey. It will be mailed out on 4/10/24 & the survey's need to be returned by 5/10/24. They can be returned by mail or at the box that is hung up at the Township hall. The total cost for the survey was \$1067.00.

Next was a presentation by ITC regarding new transmission lines that will run thru Keene Township. After the presentation they answered any questions that were asked by the Board & people in the audience.

Discussion was held regarding the food trucks. That are selling food at Jones Meat Market on Potters Road. The new ordinance requires a fee to be set. As a Board we talked over what the fee to park the food truck should cost. Taylor made a motion for a onetime fee of \$25.00, or an annual fee of \$50.00. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion. All In favor. Motion Passed.

Tammy Prebble has designed a new logo for Keene Township. A motion was made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett to adopt this new logo for the Township. All In favor, Motion Passed.

Discussion was held regarding 2024 contracts for the Belding Fire Protection, & Life Ambulance. For right now we are going to table this until we can get more information regarding these two places.

Clean-up day will be held on 4/20/24 from 7:AM to Noon.

Review of the ZBA Alternate position. There were five applications turned in for this opening. Polly Wolff, Jason Hardy, Aaron Gasper, Nick VanderSloot, & Jared Higgins. As a Board we all picked two names. The recommendations were added up & Jason Hardy had the most votes. Brett made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami. All In Favor, Motion Passed to have Jason Hardy be on the ZBA Board as an alternate.

Motion made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Submitted by  
T Hardy  
Clerk