

# KEENE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES

November 13, 2018

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, Lori Larsen, Jeanne Vanderslot, James Stephan, Ryan VanderWoude, Laura Brown, Mary Benedict, Jeff Roger, Ann Newell, Tom Repik, Thomas Sprague and Michael Word.

Kara gave treasurer report.

Motion made by Corey to pay bills of \$15447.31 and seconded by Harvey. Passed.

October minutes were read presented at the meeting. Motion made by Corey to accept as written, seconded by Harvey. Passed.

Nancy gave the election results for 11-6-18. She explained the winners for each section. She explained Keene has 1281 registered voters and we had 819 voters voted, which 176 of those were absentee ballots. Keene Township had a 63.9 percent turnout. This is the best turnout we have ever had. Very busy day. At the end of the night we were unable to get the election computer to print. The computer was so warm. Mary Lou called the courthouse asked to speak to a IT person. He said to bring everything and all workers needed to come to verify the election. He was able to get the reports off the machine, which had cooled down on the drive to the Courthouse. While I waited in line at the courthouse, several clerks said they had trouble with their election equipment.

Several residents have complained of fireworks during the week. Difficult to sleep and lasting very late. Pro Fireworks came to the meeting and explained they are doing shoots which last from 40 to 45 minutes, but the last time was 2.5 hours. They are making videos of the products, to show buyers before they purchase the product. They have agreed to not have late hours and will notify township, when they are going to have a shoot.

Robert rode the roads with the accessor and found 42 new buildings. The building of Whites Bridge will start in November on the north side of the river. When the bridge is finished, they will set in place in April 2019. The township has 42 miles of gravel roads (Marble and Pinckney are the busiest).

Robert said the phone line had static. Robert called the phone company and they came out and looked at it. Mice had chewed some of phone wires, and was repaired.

Robert spoke about proposal #1, recreational marijuana. He explained we can control growers. We will pass adopted ordinance, which will be a standalone. It will take 30 days to take effect.

Laurie spoke about the cemetery. Jack Smith dug up the big rock and it wasn't as big as they thought. Brad and Laurie measured the new cemetery section.

Jeannie had several permits in October. Did her rounds of the township, found solar panels on a roof on East Bowen Road, no permit was issued.

Lori Larsen spoke about the cemetery. She will be sending out a survey to Board Members for their opinion on some issues before the next meeting.

- 1.To invest in a survey.
- 2.Boundary grave site lines.
- 3.Discussion in September meeting.

Robert reported:

1. Road Commission brining next week.
2. Road Commission is putting 35 yards of gravel in 10 days on Andres and Scott Road, approximately 1000 yards per mile.
3. Mowing of roads 1 more time.

Projects for next year:

1. Parking lot needs repairs.
2. Need signage near fence and road. New design.

Motion to adjourn by Corey at 8:12pm and seconded by Harvey.  
Passed.