

KEENE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2024

Present: T Hardy, B Schafer, & C Wojcik

Absent: B Hulliberger & T Lewis

Christine Hendrick filled in for Taylor Lewis

The meeting started with the pledge at 7: PM.

Motion made by Corey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami to approve the July minutes. All In Favor,  
Motion Passed.

Public Comments: None

Treasure Report: Christine gave the balances of the Keene Township accounts. Taxes are due on Monday September 16, 2024. Taylor or Christine will be at the hall from 9 to 5 for anyone to drop off their taxes. After some discussion, a motion was made by Corey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami for the people who owe the back taxes, that they don't have to pay the penalty & interest. If they don't pay by the next Board meeting, the next step will be taking them to Small Claims Court. Christine will be sending out letters on September 11, 2024, to both parties. The Township was delinquent in paying State of Michigan \$1400.00. No penalties or interest for the Qualified Forest Plan. This was paid from the tax fund.

Clerk Report: Corey made the Motion to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami. All In Favor, Motion Passed. Tami is getting ready for the Election. There will be in Ionia, the nine days of voting. This is located in the old Mercantile Bank, which now the library owns. This is on Main Street.

Planning Commission: Corey gave an update on what was talked about at the last meeting. The next scheduled meeting is October 1, 2024. A new meeting that was added is October 7, 2024.

Zoning Report: Jeanne gave her report on what is going on in Keene Township.

Committee Reports: Survey Committee, the survey will be added to the Web Site. No other updates at this time.

Cemetery Committee: No update this month.

Tech Committee: Cori gave an update. Cori would also like to purchase 2 lap top computers, 2 scanners, 2 wireless mouse for the computers. Motion made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey. All In Favor, Motion Passed. Another Motion was made Corey, 2<sup>nd</sup> to purchase a wall mount & a cable for the monitor. All In Favor, Motion Passed. The money for all of the Tech Items will be paid

for from the ARPA funds.

Supervisors Report: Old business: Jared Higgins said there is limited sight because of a pine tree blocking the view on Sayles & Pinckney Road. Bob has a quote from R Whites Tree Service for \$5550.00. After some discussion, the Board thought this sounded expensive & Corey said he would look into taking care of this issue.

Bob also wanted to say a Thank you to Tom Sprague for all his work doing the analysis on the Township Survey.

There is a Civil Rights complaint received from the State of Michigan, which has been turned over to the Township Council.

Regarding the Propane Pre-Buy contract 500 gallons @ \$1.749 = \$874.50 ( \$600.93 credit, net cost will be \$273.57. Motion made by Tami, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey. All In Favor, Motion Passed. In order to get this contract, the money has to be paid by the end of the month.

There is a Resolution of Support, Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application. The Keene township Board wishes to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant through the Michigan Plan to assist in purchasing /funding Exterior Lighting Improvements. The amount of the Grant Contribution is \$4804.43. Motion made by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey. All In Favor, Motion Passed. Bob, Corey, & Tami are Yeas. No Nays & Taylor Lewis & Brett Hulliberger are absent.

Jeanne will be taking care of the Domain Renewal which needs to be renewed before November 17, 2024. Jeanne has the login & password.

Motion made by Tami, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey to Adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM

Submitted By T Hardy  
Clerk