

RESOLUTION # 1-13-26 B

**TOWNSHIP OF KEENE, IONIA COUNTY MICHIGAN**

***Resolution to Participate in the State of Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program***

WHEREAS, the provisions of Act 495 of the Public Acts of 1980; as amended by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1998, and the provisions of Act 217 of the Public Acts of 1998, provide that a portion of certain casualty losses for fire or explosion otherwise payable by insurers may be withheld in escrow by participating municipalities in order to secure repair, replacement or removal of damaged structures which violate the ***Township of Keene*** health or safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the ***Township of Keene***, has determined that participation in said program would protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare and wishes to be included in the list included in the list of participating municipalities published by the Commissioner of Insurance; and,

WHEREAS, the ***Township of Keene***, desires to implement all procedures necessary to administer said program by designating the ***Township of Keene*** Treasurer responsible for the the administration of the program and establish an escrow account for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the ***Township Keene, Ionia County Michigan*** does hereby become a participating municipality in the program providing for the escrow of fire insurance as established by Act 495 of the Public Acts of 1980; as amended by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1998, or as established by Act 217 of the Public Acts of 1998, and does declare its intention to uniformly apply the provisions of Section 2845 or Section 2227 to all property within the ***Township of Keene***.
2. That the ***Township of Keene*** official responsible for the administration of Section 2845 or 2227 of said Acts and any rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Services is hereby designated as follows:
3. That the ***Township of Keene, Treasurer*** shall establish an escrow account with the Mercantile Bank for the purpose of receiving and holding deposits of money received from insurers pursuant to Section 2845 or 2227 of said Acts, which account shall be separately maintained from all other accounts and may be an interest bearing account.

Name Christine Hendrick

Treasurer Christine Hendrick

Date: 1-13-2026

MOTION by S. Smiley, support by W. Pflugradt,

**to adopt the Resolution to Participate in the State of Michigan Fire Insurance Withholding Program.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Hendrick:   Y  

Melton:   Y  

Pflugradt:   Y  

Wolff: (Absent)

Smiley:   Y  

A vote on the above Resolution was taken and was as follows:

YEAS:   4  

NAYS:   0  

ADOPTED.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a meeting held on December 9, 2025.

Holli Melton

Holli Melton  
Keene Township Clerk

Submission Checklist

Once your resolution is titled and passed, you must submit it to DIFS along with the FIS 0376 Enrollment Form. The effective date of your participation will be 30 days after DIFS publishes the next updated list of participating municipalities.