

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes, Supervisor, on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinderhook Township Hall. The pledge was recited to the American flag. Wayne Barnes, Supervisor, Jody Lewis, Trustee, Terri Smith, Treasurer, Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk and Gary Stetler, Trustee were present.

The minutes of July 31, 2017 were approved with the following clarifications. Trustee Stetler wanted the minutes to reflect the motion did not pass regarding the Blight Ordinance. Demerit Meat Market is infested with racoons and not infected with racoons.

#### Old Business

- Supervisor Barnes asked the following to be read into the minutes regarding past meetings:
  - April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting – The minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting are incorrect. The Township board has never adopted the IRS mileage policy. The IRS mileage rate is the only part that has ever been adopted by the township board.  
The minutes state that Trustee Lewis and Clerk Carpenter voted against a motion by Supervisor Barnes and supported by Trustee Stetler and Treasurer Duncan-Smith requesting the resignation of Clerk Carpenter, this is erroneous. There was not a request made by the Supervisor for opposition to the motion, therefore there was no vote against this motion.
  - Special Meeting August 28, 2017: The minutes of the April 17, 2017 Special meeting are incorrect. The Supervisor nor Mr. Lillis said the mileage was a non-issue.  
After much discussion about the issues brought to the board by the people. When asked by Trustee Stetler what we could do if the resolution to the issues were unacceptable to the people. At that point, the Supervisor said that in the best interest of the township and the people, that the Clerk would respectfully asked to resign. The clerk was not specifically asked to resign at that meeting.

#### Correspondence:

- None of note.

#### Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner presented the August 1, 2017 report which included:
  - Autopsy increase
  - New educators
  - 2016 Audit

- amended ordinance
- unemployment rate

Sheriff's Report:

- The Sheriff reported his department priorities which included a new jail, maintain pension and adding new deputies.
- Golf cart complaints were discussed. Sheriff Pollack reminded citizens that is illegal to drive golf carts on public roads.

Financial Report:

- Clerk Carpenter reported August's operating expenses to be \$63,677.41 ~~13,316.87~~ and revenues of \$4,822.60. Treasurer Smith questioned an expense payment of gas to drive to a training. It has been the standard policy to pay mileage and food, stated Supervisor Barnes, however, currently we are not paying mileage. Treasurer Smith will void the check and make a \$33.00 deduction on check 11882. Trustee Stetler motioned with support from Treasurer Smith to accept the Clerk's report and pay the bills; motion carried.
- Clerk Carpenter reported that the July Reconciliation is complete.
- Treasurer Smith reported the July Summary Balance Sheet which included:
  - Current Assets           \$487,444.42
  - Receivables               \$2,203.13
  - Other Assets             \$136,635.46
  - Total                       \$626,283.01

Treasurer Smith reported Mr. Plant will get back with her regarding the receivables.

Trustee Stetler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with support from Trustee Lewis; motion carried.

Zoning Report:

- Ron Patch reported July there were 2 permits and 7 violations. Two violations are still open.
- David Schultes contacted Ron regarding purchasing Demerit's Meat Market to open a marijuana growing dispensary.

Cemetery Report:

- No burials to report this month.

Old Business:

- Mileage Ordinance was presented reviewed and tabled.
- Check writing Ordinance was presented and discussed. The ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote. All board members voted AYE with corrections noted
- Minutes Ordinance was presented and reviewed. The ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote. All board members voted AYE with corrections noted.

Treasurer Smith offered to make corrections so as not to incur additional charges from Attorney Lillis.

- Treasurer Smith would like to have a footer on the minutes with the Township Name and page number. Clerk Carpenter stated this was a good idea and the addition will be made.
- Website – A motion was made by Treasurer Smith to accept the bid from Hillsdale Web Design, \$20 per hour to keep the website updated. Support for the motion was provided by Trustee Stetler; motion carried.
- The checks are available on the Thursday prior to the meeting as requested. Agenda items are needed by noon the same Thursday prior to the meeting.
- \$3.78 drain assessment was incurred by the special assessment district. This was explained.
- FOIA requests – Supervisor Barnes asked for help completing these requests.

#### New Business:

- Michigan Gas Utilities Company Ordinance was presented, reviewed and tabled for more time to review. This will be brought to the next meeting.
- Dwayne Weber has moved out of the area and resigned his position on the Planning Commission. Letters were sent out by the Planning Commission and they will be filling that vacancy.
- Dragon Lake Dam- Supervisor Barnes discussed this with Mike Hard. This dam is not controlled by the township. It is a part of the county drain system. Some repairs will be made and Mr. Hard is looking at what can and cannot be done with the dam. There is a possibility that property owners will need a tax assessment through the drain commission. There is no established lake level on Dragon Lake.

#### Citizens Comments:

- Annette Graef asked for more transparencies on the board.
- Paul Meredith commented on the appointment of the deputy clerk.
- Michael Bingen stated that he attempted in “good faith” to help the township.
- Don Carpenter was thanked for his eight years of service providing free maintenance to the township.
- Mike Arnold thanked the board for the thankless job they are doing.
- Don Carpenter thanked Michael Bingen for stepping in and trying to help the Board and apologized to him for the way he has been treated.
- Brent Withington asked the Board to look at a golf cart resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk

