

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes, Supervisor, on Monday, December 18, 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, Gary Stetler, Trustee, Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk and Treasurer Smith were present.

The minutes of November 27, 2017 were approved as presented.

Correspondence:

- A letter of resignation was received from Michael Bingen, Deputy Clerk. Mr. Bingen was thanked by Supervisor Barnes for his help in the position.

Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner presented the December report including:
 - CHC Transition moving forward.
 - Energy Award received by the County.
 - Pension – OPEB – reporting the County has been proactive in funding its pension and OPED obligations in the last few years.
 - MIDC Plan (Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan) was approved by the County in November 2017.

Sheriff's Report:

- The Sheriff presented the December report.

Financial Report:

- Clerk Carpenter reported December's operating expenses to be \$10,239.91 and no revenues for the month. Trustee Stetler motioned with support from Trustee Lewis to accept the Clerk's report and pay the bills; motion carried.
- Clerk Carpenter reported that the November Reconciliation is complete.
- Treasurer Smith reported:
 - \$423,429.39 Checking
 - \$3,755.69 Accounts receivable
 - \$4,877.61 Assets
 - \$432,062.69 Total

Zoning Report:

- Ron Patch reported November there were 8 permits and 4 violations; 1 is still open.

Cemetery Report:

- Mr. Baker reported one burial this month.

Old Business

- Mileage Policy – Trustee Lewis made a motion to add “Any elected official **and employees** making more than \$10,000. Per year will not be allowed to charge mileage. Additionally, “Mileage can and will be paid for training or work-related travel **over 25 miles.**” Trustee Stetler provided support for the motion; motion carried.

New Business:

- Road Commission – Garrett, Project Engineer presented and reviewed the asset management plan. No action was taken.
- Mowing and Sexton Bids – several were received. Trustee Stetler made a motion to table this. Support was provided from Trustee Lewis; motion carried.
- Zeta One Invoice – was discussed. Treasurer Smith was comfortable with the invoice at \$1394.00 and asked it be paid by the Board. Trustee Lewis motioned to pay this month with support from Trustee Stetler; motion carried.
- Internet Speed in the township office was discussed. A motion was made by Trustee Stetler with support from Trustee Lewis to increase the internet speed with DMCI from 2 to 6. Russ and Terri Jo will look at other providers.

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- Trustee Lewis asked the Board to allow a Coldwater Lake resident to rent our hall at the in-township price since her booking at Coldwater Lake was taken by the Boater Safety Class. Treasurer Smith motioned with support from Trustee Stetler to approve this.
- Clerk Carpenter requested to pay George Baker’s sexton fees for the month. The invoice was only received yesterday because the meeting was early. Treasurer Smith made a motion to pay the bill with support from Trustee Lewis; motion carried.
- Ron Patch announced the annual MTA Conference will be held April 23-26 with registration beginning in January.
- MTA Class – Treasurer Smith was unable to attend an MTA class she signed up for because of illness. MTA gave her a coupon to attend a future class.
- Treasurer Smith asked for approval to purchase a 20-22” monitor for Zoning Administrator Patch. Supervisor Barnes made a motion to approve the purchase with support from Trustee Stetler; motion carried.
- Treasurer Smith announced she has been without a deputy for over a year and is happy to announce, Zoning Administrator Patch has agreed to be her deputy.

Citizens Comments:

- No comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk