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The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes on Monday, February 27, 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, Terri-Jo Smith, Treasurer, and Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk were present.

The minutes of January 30, 2017 were approved as presented.

**Correspondence:**

- None of note.

**Commissioner's Report:**

- The Commissioner presented the February 1, 2017 report.

**Sheriff's Report:**

- The Sheriff was not present.

**Financial Report:**

- Clerk Carpenter reported February's operating expense to be \$9,861.68 and revenues of \$15,896.39. Trustee Stetler motioned with support by Treasurer Smith to accept the Clerk's report and pay the bills; motion carried.
- Treasurer Smith reported the January Summary Balance Sheet which included:
  - Assets \$450,439.91
  - Receivables \$2,203.13
  - Other Assets \$142,579.30
  - Total Assets \$602,222.34

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

**Zoning Report:**

- Zoning Administrator Siler presented the Report for January 2017. Two permits were issued and one violation was reported which is closed. One ZBA Hearing was held January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemetery Report:**

- Sexton Baker reported no burials during the month of January. They will look at Mundy Cemetery to correct foundations this Spring.

**Old Business:**

- Supervisor Barnes took this time to clarify some misinformation presented on Social Media regarding the township. Kinderhook Township follows the IRS mileage rate. We agreed to follow this several years ago. Additionally, the Web Site Maintenance cost to the Township is \$30 per month and not the \$3,000. per year as reported on a township resident's Facebook page.
- The SMNB sweep account – this is an outdated account which was set up years

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ago to earn interest on the General Fund Account. It was the auditor's opinion that it would simplify accounting in the township to close this account. Treasurer Smith understood that this account should be kept open. The State monies are ACH payments to this account which would need changed if the account were closed. Supervisor Barnes, Clerk Carpenter and Treasurer Smith has received some conflicting information regarding this account. It was recommended to schedule a time to meet with Janet Carpenter at SMNB to discuss and bring this information to the next meeting.

- Special Assessment District Rocky Top/Rocky Ridge – Supervisor Barnes reported that the refunds on this district were figured incorrectly and will be corrected.

**New Business:**

- 2017 Seal Coat Contract – The Branch County Road Commission has recommended seal coating 3.62 miles at \$12,000 per mile which is an increase of \$500 per mile from previous year. Trustee Lewis made a motion to move forward with the proposal at a total of \$43,440. Clerk Carpenter provided support; motion carried.
- Fire Department Contract – The Lakeland Fire Department is asking for an increase of 10% from \$47,000 to \$51,700. For three years. Clerk Carpenter made a motion to accept the contract with support from Treasurer Smith; motion carried.
- Trustee Lewis reported on the CHC Presentation for the First Responders, Fire and Police. Personal stories were shared and presentations were made to all the Departments. All in all it was a special tribute made possible by CHC, The Chamber of Commerce and EPMG. (Emergency Physicians Medical Group) which contracts with our emergency room physicians.

**Citizen Comments:**

- William Kroenke stated he believes he should have received an additional check for his properties in special assessment district. Mr. Barnes will look into this and correct if necessary.
- Mike Exelby questioned what company provides our website maintenance and what the extra charges were for. This information was provided to him.
- Zoning Administrator Siler provided an update on the status of a trailer on the corner of Dragon Shores and Prairie River. When the property owner receives the quick claim deed he will be able to move forward and clean up the property.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Cynthia Carpenter  
Clerk