

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes, Supervisor, on Monday, January 29, 2018 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 Teri-Jo Duncan-Smith, Treasurer.

The minutes of December 18, 2017 were approved as presented.

Correspondence:

- Michigan Gas Notice of Hearing.

Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner presented the January report including:
 - County Organizational Meeting Committee Assignments
 - Jail Issue - water infiltration
 - CHC Transfer to ProMedica complete
 - Fuel Contract
 - Pension-Other Post-Employment Benefits

Sheriff's Report:

- The Sheriff was not present.

Financial Report:

- Clerk Carpenter reported January's operating expenses to be \$16,196.63 and revenues for the month at \$52,370.75. Zeta One's additional invoice of \$5,099. Was questioned. Supervisor Barnes and Treasurer Smith questioned the accuracy of the invoice with Zeta One and is comfortable with their response. 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 December Reconciliation is complete.
- Treasurer Smith reported:
 - \$434,087.80 Current assets
 - \$3,755.69 Accounts receivable
 - \$4,877.61 Assets
 - \$442,721.10 Total

Zoning Report:

- Ron Patch reported December there were 2 permits and 7 violations; 2 are still open.
- A year to date report was presented including 44 permits and 57 violations for the year. One case is reported to be in court next week. Mr. Patch reported he was contacted by someone to grow a winery in Kinderhook Township and another contacted him regarding opening a retail facility.

Cemetery Report:

- No report this month.

Old Business

- Mileage Policy – tabled for a typographical error. Will bring to next month's meeting.

New Business:

- Mowing and Sexton Bids – several were received, however only one bid included both cemetery and mowing which was from Tyler Butters. Treasurer Smith made a motion to hire Mr. Butters for a one-year contract with support from Trustee Stetler; motion carried.
- Budget workshop will be scheduled in the near future.
- Bi-annual Audit – Taylor, Plante and Watkins, PC submitted a letter regarding the bi-annual audit. Supervisor Barnes stated he would like to look into a few other firms and bring back to next meeting. He stated that it is his opinion that Taylor, Plante and Watkins “just do: money in and money out and I would like a more extensive audit.”
- Wind energy zoning moratorium – Supervisor Barnes stated he would like the Planning Commission to look into the wind energy zoning, however stating he would support a two year moratorium on the turbines. Treasurer Smith made a motion for Kinderhook Township to have a two year moratorium on wind turbines. Trustee Stetler seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Coverage on vacation – Treasurer Smith noted that Trustee Lewis was on vacation recently and she did not know. She would like to be made aware of vacations so phone calls can be handled. Trustee Lewis stated she wrote on the “dry erase” board she was out of town. Treasurer Smith also asked the Board to please erase your messages when you are done.
- Personal cell phones – Treasurer Smith asked the Board not to give out her cell number to citizens wanting to contact her.
- Board of Review Training – Russ Siler stated that he will be joining Don Rodgers at another location for the training.

Resolutions:

“To Waive the Penalty and Interest for Late Filers of the Property Transfer Affidavit” – Treasurer Smith offered the resolution to adopt which was seconded by Trustee Stetler. Roll Call vote:

Aye – Supervisor Barnes, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Stetler, Treasurer Smith and Clerk Carpenter.

“To Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2018”

Trustee Stetler offered the resolution to adopt which was seconded by Trustee Lewis. Roll call vote:
Aye – Supervisor Barnes, Trustee Lewis, Trustee Stetler, Treasurer Smith and Clerk Carpenter.

Citizens Comments:

- No comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk