

Approved February 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes on Monday, January 30, 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 December 19, 2016 were approved as presented.

Correspondence:

- State Representative sent a letter explaining the road funding from the new gas tax.

Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner was not present.

Sheriff's Report:

- The Sheriff presented and reviewed the January 2017 report which included in part:
 - The County Commissioners requested budget information for an additional deputy.
 - The Michigan Sheriff's Association released a letter from Denver Police outlining the increased crime and traffic accidents related to legalization of marijuana. Sheriff Pollack reminded the Board that it is a Board decision to allow growers in their township.
 - Several jail repairs were reviewed.
 - Senator Shirkey hosted a public meeting regarding horse-drawn buggy issues. A follow up meeting will be held with the Amish.
 - Bill Schuette is calling for 1,000 new officers in 2017.

Financial Report:

- Clerk Carpenter reported January's operating expense to be \$45,696.12 and revenues of \$35,397.57. Trustee Lewis motioned with support by Trustee Stetler to accept the Clerk's report and pay the bills; motion carried.
- Treasurer Smith reported the December Summary Balance Sheet which included:
 - Assets \$438,240.29
 - Receivables \$2,203.13
 - Other Assets \$142,579.30
 - Total Assets \$583,022.72

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

- Supervisor Barnes noted that the Special Assessment reimbursements will be sent out shortly. Nature Lane's district is behind approximately \$900.00, therefore no refunds will be issued.

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Zoning Report:

- Zoning Administrator Siler presented the Report for December 2016. Two permits were issued and four violations were reported; three are closed. One ZBA Hearing was conducted tonight.
- Zoning Administrator Siler presented the 2016 year-end report and a 17-year comparison (attached).

Cemetery Report:

- Sexton Baker reported one burial in December.

Old Business:

- Trustee Lewis informed the Board one insurance company in town is charging \$30 for a rider to host alcohol when renting the hall. It was a decision recently to require all renters to provide this rider since alcohol has been used during some rentals without the rider.
- Trustee Lewis asked if there would be a charge for special clubs to use the township hall. Currently 4-H is using the hall without charge. It was the recommendation of the Board to review requests such as this on a case by case basis.

New Business:

- Resolution to Waive Interest on Winter 2016 Tax Bills & Future Winter Tax Bills was presented and reviewed. Supervisor Barnes recommended we research the minutes as he thought this was already done in the past. After discussion it was decided to adopt the resolution. The motion was made by Trustee Stetler to adopt the Resolution to Waive Interest on Winter 2016 Tax Bills & Future Winter Tax Bills; Treasurer Smith provided support and a roll call vote was taken. All Board members voted yes to adopt the resolution. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
- IRS Mileage Rate – .535 – Supervisor Barnes noted the IRS has lowered the standard mileage rate from .54 to .535. Supervisor Barnes asked if the Board would approve the new rate and was reminded that this was a FYI only. A motion was passed a few years ago to follow the IRS rate.
- PA 116 Approval – An application was received for Rita Mason’s set aside program. A motion was made by Trustee Stetler with support from Clerk Carpenter to approve this application; motion carried.
- Deed for State of Michigan – Russ reported a piece of property on Dragon View was retired from the tax rolls.
- Tax receipts – Supervisor Barnes noted we received a nasty note from a resident in essence saying if we did things differently we would have dollars to send out tax receipts. “I want to make it clear that this was implemented to save tax dollars that weren’t necessary to spend. If anyone would like a receipt, they only need to ask.”

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- Budget workshop will be scheduled in February with the Budget Hearing to be scheduled at the end of March.

Citizen Comments:

- Road Commission – Sealcoat recommendations will be brought to the next meeting.
- Cemetery Contract was presented by Sexton Baker with only a slight increase in price. Trustee Stetler made a motion to approve the contract with support from Clerk Carpenter; motion carried.
- Sexton Baker stated he will be on vacation February 18-27th.
- Mr. Huss asked for Planning Meeting dates and minutes to be posted on the website. Jody Lewis is on the Planning Commission and will contact Logan with the minutes.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Carpenter
Clerk