

Approved October 24, 2016

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Wayne Barnes on Monday, September 26, 2016 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, Dwayne Weber, Treasurer, and Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk were present.

The minutes of August 29, 2016 were approved as presented.

Correspondence:

- None of note.

Commissioner's Report:

- No report

Sheriff's Report:

- The Sheriff was not present to report.

Financial Report:

- Clerk Carpenter reported September's operating expense to be \$10,827.72 and revenues of \$24,990.07. Trustee Stetler moved supported by Trustee Lewis to accept the Clerk's report and pay the bills; motion carried.
- Treasurer Weber reported the August Summary Balance Sheet which included:
 - Assets \$473,929.30
 - Receivables \$2,203.13
 - Other Assets \$142,579.30
 - Total Assets \$618,711.73

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

Zoning Report:

- Zoning Administrator Siler presented the Report for August 2016. Six permits were issued and seven violations were reported. 4 are still open.

Cemetery Report:

- In Sexton Baker's absence, Clerk Carpenter reported one burial for the month.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A letter was received from Chuck Lillis, Township Attorney, stating the law firm he represents will be splitting into two entities: Lillis & Jansen, PLLC and Bappert Law, PLLC. It requests the township make a choice or pick up its file. A motion was made by Trustee Stetler, with support of Trustee Lewis to stay with Mr. Lillis.

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- 2016 Assessor Con-Ed Class was requested by Assessor Siler to share the cost with Coldwater Township. Trustee Lewis made a motion to share the expense with support from Trustee Stetler; motion carried.
- Lake George Weed District – Supervisor Barnes gave a history of special assessments while noting “No township is required to participate in any special assessment district”. Requests came from residents wanting to re-establish the weed control district. Supervisor Barnes explained, “just last month we voted to not continue with special assessment roads because the County decided to stop maintaining these private drives.” This “district” expired a year ago, in 2015 and when Shawnee Shoals Weed District papers were not filed in a timely manner, the Township did not make an exception. It would be consistent to do the same with this district. A possibility of Lake George joining the Coldwater/Marble Lake District was made and a contact of Mike Hard, Drain Commissioner, 279-4310 was given.
A motion was made by Trustee Stetler with support from Trustee Lewis to not renew the Lake George Aquatic Weed District; motion carried.
- Streetlights were reported out by Smith’s Hardware and Copeland Road. Wayne will call Consumer’s.
- Supervisor Barnes read the resignation letter of interim treasurer, Dwayne Weber effective September 30, 2016. The Board will appoint Terr-Jo Duncan-Smith to the Treasurer position effective October 1, 2016 for a smooth transition. Supervisor Barnes commended the two for agreeing, prior to the election, whoever won the other would support as deputy. “Thank you very much, Dwayne for your service and for being a gentleman during this process.”
- The appointing of a FOIA Coordinator was tabled.

Citizen Comments:

- Don Carpenter spoke to the Board explaining his service to the township at no charge and offered to spray for insects this Fall. Don has performed many duties such as plumbing, changing furnace filters, changing out ceiling tiles, replacing light fixtures and much more over the years. Supervisor Barnes thanked Don for his service over the years.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Carpenter
Clerk