

The regular meeting of the Kinderhook Township Board was called to order by Paul Meredith on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinderhook Township hall.

Minutes were for September 29, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Correspondence:** Branch Conservation District – Kathy Worst of the Branch County Conservation District presented information regarding enhancing the Prairie River Watershed. She requested someone from Kinderhook Township to sit on an Advisory Committee and possibly use of the township hall for meetings on occasion. Barnes motioned that we support this project, Stetler seconded, motion passed. Meredith will sign a letter of commitment.

**Citizen Comments:**

None were made.

**Commissioner's Report:** Norm Heinemann gave a brief update. The Commissioners has approved a 3.1 million dollar K-Mart project for the hospital. Salary increases of 2.5% were approved for the county.

**Sheriff's Report:** Norm Heinemann gave a report on foreclosures in the county.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Castor presented a September Amended report. She reported October's expenses were \$14,113.88, revenues of \$3,330.85 and cash on hand of \$228,954.07. Stetler moved to accept the Treasurer's reports and pay the bills. Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

**Zoning Report:**

Three permits were issued in October. Three zoning violation complaints were made. One complaint is closed, one is to close on Friday, and the third one should be closed tomorrow. There was one ZBA hearing held October 8<sup>th</sup> for front and side setbacks on Bemis Lane. A BS&A software demonstration will be held tomorrow morning at Coldwater Township at 9:30 a.m.

**Cemetery Report:**

Two burials were held in September. The Sexton Contract, Lawn Care & Snow Removal for November 1, 2008 thru October 31, 2009 was presented and reviewed. It was recommended that the township hall parking front parking lot be cleared of snow for the school buses at 3 inches and above. Barnes motioned we accept the new contract, Stetler seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Trees at Mundy Cemetery – Russ will follow up to make sure these trees have been replaced.

**New Business:**

Paul from Rumsey & Watkins presented the bi-annual audit results. Barnes motioned we accept the report, Stetler seconded, motion carried.

MTA New Officials Training to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan on December 18, 2008 was presented by Carpenter. Stetler motioned Carpenter attend the training, Castor seconded. Motion carried.

Annual MTA Meeting to be held January 27<sup>th</sup> thru January 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 was presented and discussed. Stetler motioned that we send three Board Members, Meredith, Barnes, and Carpenter to the annual meeting. Castor seconded, motion carried.

Michigan License Fee Appraisal Renewal Fee was presented by Russ Siler. This fee is incurred every two years. Coldwater Township has approved paying ½ of the \$350.00 fee. Siler requested Kinderhook pay the remaining ½ of the fee of \$175.00. Stetler motioned the Board pay ½ of the fees, Carpenter seconded, motion carried.

Bids for replacing the Township copier were presented and reviewed by Carpenter. Pros and cons of purchasing versus leasing were discussed. Barnes motioned we accept the bid from Business Impression, Inc. to lease a Xerox WorkCentre 4118x for 48 months. Stetler seconded, motion carried.

The use of credit cards for the township were reviewed by Castor. Barnes made a motion that Supervisor, Paul Meredith, Treasurer, Deb Castor, and Clerk, Cynthia Carpenter be assigned the use of credit cards for the township. Stetler seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cynthia Carpenter, Clerk