

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

Minutes were accepted as printed.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Public Service Commission explaining how to handle cable customer complaints.

Citizen Comments:

Floor was opened at 7:33. Chuck Lillis addressed the board regarding his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge. Floor closed at 7:50.

Commissioner's Report:

Sheriff's Report:

- Sheriff Canon addressed the Board regarding his run for re-election.
- BATA will consider making the Township Hall a drop off. An adult can ride for \$5 per day.

Treasurer's Report:

Castor presented the amended May Income and Expense Statement. She reported June's expenses were \$68,954.96, revenues of \$6,761.52 and cash on hand of \$257,936.24. Stetler moved to accept the Treasurer's reports and pay the bills. Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Zoning Report:

Five permits were issued in May. Four zoning violation complaints were made. Three of these complaints are now closed. Two requests for ZBA were made in June.

Cemetery Report

A letter was sent to Mr. Gustin who has removed the fence on the east line of Mundy Cemetery. A letter was received from Mr. Gustin requesting to place a flowering hedge in place of the fence. Motion was made by Barnes to accept this request, seconded by Stetler.

ACTION: Siler to send a letter to Mr. Gustin approving his request.

Old Business:

- Mundy Cemetery – see "Cemetery Report" above.

New Business:

- New Federal Mileage Rate has been set at 58.5. Castor moved to adopt this new rate, Barnes seconded, motion carried.
- Air conditioning in the hall during rentals – it was noted the doors of the hall were propped open during a rental and the air conditioning was running.

Recommendation: It was recommended to check the current policy and add if needed wording to address this.

- Election Inspectors for the August 5th Primary Election were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept made by Barnes, seconded by Stetler.
- Planning Commission Appointments – Three appointments to the Board expire in June. Nominations were made including: Sharon Barnes, Brad Beck, and Larry Hinsdale, Keith Harris. Carpenter made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Castor. A motion was made by Barnes to vote by secret ballot, seconded by Stetler; motion carried. Ballots were tallied with the appointments made to Sharon Barnes, Larry Hinsdale and Keith Harris.
- Paul reported that the new roof is leaking. Mr. Marsh looked at it this morning and indicated that he would take care of it, including replacing the damaged ceiling tiles.
- A new tool from the State of Michigan called “Contract Zoning” was explained. This allows a contract with a developer to change zoning while a business exists and when the business ends the property reverts back.
- Industrial Business – Meredith received a call from a realtor asking where we stand on this issue. A company is looking here for a 150 acre facility to possibly employ 200 people. It will need to draw 2 million gallons of water and dispose of 3 million gallons of water. This is an issue the Board will consider.
- ZBA Hearings – Gary Stetler recommended that only one hearing be scheduled per evening. It was recommended to discuss this at the next ZBA Hearing.

Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Stetler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.