

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Jim Edmondson, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, Sally Reckow, Jerry Peterson, Adam Gandolfi, Meg LeDuc.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson with the pledge to the United States flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of Patrick Miehke.

The minutes of the December 13, 2012 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by, Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the financial report for the month of December. The receipts were \$ 1,200.43 expenditures were \$ 54,817.00 leaving a balance of \$ 119,993.43 in the General Fund as of December 31, 2012. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the December 2012 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The approved minutes of the December 2012 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file.

Correspondence was received from various sources and given to each board member to read and initial.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated 4 receipts, one application for land division, a letter concerning a junk complaint.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to fifteen fire/medical runs during the month of December.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there is a significant change to a liquor license in that the Wesco station is now a package liquor store.

Clara Saari reported on the Oaks Correctional facility. They have 3 new officers, 1107 prisoners, they had 615 visitors. Their budget is 33 million and 90% is for wages. It costs \$2.72 per day, all 3 meals, for food.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board met and the City of Manistee is retained as the third party.

Jerry Peterson reported on the road commission. There is a request of a name change of a Hartgerink Road to Block Rd. to will be on their agenda for the Feb. 15 meeting.

He spoke about Farr Rd being paved and will get back with a quote to do the paving. Brown Township is pursuing a plan for the rest of River Rd. It will take 3-4 years.

The Kott Dontz Road project is on hold at the present time.

Guy Finout will be setting up a meeting soon regarding the sewer project.

Adam Gandolfi reviewed the insurance program with us. A couple of items needed to be dropped.

The Board of Review will be going to a schooling in February, all 5 members. It is 2 years since anyone attended. On a motion by Dontz seconded Smith the project is approved. All Voting in favor.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz Tom Johnson will be the new Captain of the Fire Dept. All voting in favor.

Connie Smith was appointed to the sewer project.

It was decided to have the County Planning Commission meet here for their April 2013 meeting.

On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

The current bills in the amount of \$56,293.75 for the month of January were presented.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of January. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onkama Township Hall, on February 27, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is a scheduled meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. All voting in favor.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk