

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. March 14, 2013, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Asst. Chief Chuck Barron, Keith Brown of PEG, Meg LeDuc of News Advocate.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson with the pledge to the United States flag.

The minutes of the February 14, 2013 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the financial report for the month of February. The receipts were \$ 129,771.66 expenditures were \$ 66,047.40 leaving a balance of \$ 218,402.23 in the General Fund as of February 28, 2013. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Hutchinson to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the February 2013 Manistee Township Planning Commission 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 there will be an appeal in April one for 55 & Claybank, and another anticipated from Meijer. On April 18, 2013 there will be a work project for Lakes to Land. A meeting is scheduled for March 21 on the sewer project at LRBOI conference room in the Bank building on the third floor. Rob Carson and Guy Finout will be working on a system for permits to be handled. At this time the township is being by-passed.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 13 fire/medical runs during the month of February. They Fire Dept. assisted at 2 structure fires, had 7 medical runs, 1 car accident, 1 car fire, 1 odor complaint, 1 false alarm. Dunlap issued 16 burn permits.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licenses during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on April 8, 2013, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for presentations, June 10, 2013 for the awards.

Smith addressed the issue of a work session on the sewer project. She feels we now need our lawyer on who must connect and when, and it needs to be handled by the township not the committee. Anderson was to call Richard Wilson and ask him about

either March 19 or 20 at 7:00 in the evening for the work session.

The Planning meeting with Meijer had a good turnout. Anyone with questions about the project should contact Meijer directly to Bob Doran at 616-735-7992 or e-mail robert.doran@miejer.com.

The Planning Commission recommends to the Board that we should have an extension of the moratorium on Medical Marijuana. A motion was made by Bjorkquist seconded by Smith that we extend the Moratorium for another six months. All Voting in favor. Motion Carried.

The road commission has changed the name of Hartgerink to Block Road.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Smith some beach grass will be purchased by the township for the Bar Lake Outlet area about 200 hundred at a cost of \$30.00.

Bjorkquist reported that the boat ramp is almost useless. He is still working with Nordlund on a solution to the problem.

A discussion came up about more equipment for the playground. Bjorkquist will discuss it with teachers to find out what kids are looking for. A soccer field is also possible.

Bjorkquist made a motion seconded by Smith to increase our donation to the United Veterans Council for the flags from 450.00 to \$500.00.

Smith mentioned that flowers will be coming up and the crew is planning a lunch at the hall to help with the cost of the flowers.

The current bills in the amount of \$27,180.95 for the month of March were presented.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to pay the bills as they are received for the month of March with the change to the United Veterans Council. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, April 16, 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 **Friday, April 12, 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 **Wednesday April 10, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M. All voting in favor.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk