

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. August 8, 2013, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, County Commissioner Karl Waitner, Keith Brown of PEG, Lawrence Maliszewski, Jim Edmondson, Daniel Jach, Dan Revolt, Tom Johnson, Carol and John Padden, Roy and Marlene Walter.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Joy Hutchinson with the pledge to the United States flag.

The minutes of the July 11, 2013 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. The minutes of the July 17, 2013 Special Meeting were provided. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as provided. Also the minutes of the planning board were accepted and placed on file on a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist all in favor.

Treasurer Jankweitz gave the financial report for the month of July. The receipts were \$ 38,145.72 expenditures were \$ 160,612.75, leaving a balance of \$ 65,899.66 in the General Fund as of July 31, 2013. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Karl Waitner commissioner and chair of the Bar Lake Improvement Board gave a report on what is happening. The County has given the board the \$15,000.00 as a loan for the survey. It is hoped that the results will be available for a Public hearing soon.

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

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated he had 3 receipts for land use permits. The utility co-ordination meeting with Meijer went well. Bar lake improvement board meeting went well. They had a sewer meeting last week and plans are now moving a little slower. The Lakes to Land we are the last one needed to sign a resolution so funding can be obtained. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Jankweitz it was decided to sign the resolution.

Manistee Township Resolution
Competitive Grant Assistant Program Grant
Lakes to Land Initiative Implementation

Whereas, our municipal unit along with several other townships, villages and cities in Manistee and Benzie Counties resolved to participate in the Lakes to Land Initiative to receive financial and technical assistance to develop master plans and a collaborative implementation strategy; and

Whereas, as a member of the Lakes to Land Initiative, our municipal unit supports the Lakes to Land process which respects the independence and uniqueness of each municipal unit while also identifying opportunities for partnership and collaboration; and

Whereas, the success of the Lakes to Land Initiative will depend upon the effective implementation of the plans and collaborative opportunities identified; and

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Treasury has made a grant award of \$115,000 that would support implementation that will benefit most if not all of the municipal units in the Lakes to Land initiative, including ordinance analysis and development; and the development of programs and arrangements to support local agricultural enterprises in the Lakes to Land Region;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that our municipal unit of government recognizes this grant award as meaningful implementation assistance for the Lakes to Land Initiatives and looks forward to participating in and benefitting from the services and programs that will be provided and developed, in keeping with our master plan and the priorities it establishes.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2013 by

_____, its Clerk.

Chuck Barron gave the fire department report. There were 5 fire calls, 19 medical calls and 4 meetings for a total of 296 hours for the month of July. They are working on some grants for a generator and some meeting room extras. Still are working on obtaining a new truck, pricing has increased since last year and will again in January. They also had a very kind letter from a medical run they had to Microtel commending the EMS people on the kind handling of a visitor to the area.

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

A letter was received from Trison regarding the light fixtures at the fire barn.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Jankweitz we will split the correction fee with Trison each paying \$540 to correct the matter. All voting in favor. Motion Carried. Hutchinson will call Trison and tell them of our decision.

A new member to fill the vacancy on the planning commission was recommended. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Jankweitz Linda Finout was appointed to the Planning commission.

The public access at the end of Maplewood on the lake side is missing a sign. Dontz will call the road commission to have it replaced.

The current bills in the amount of \$107,261.67 for the month of July were presented.

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

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Filer Township Hall, on August 28, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 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, September 5, 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, September 12, 2013, at 7:30 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular meeting of the **Bar Lake Improvement Board** will be held on **September 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden St.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk