

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. September 12, 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 Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Amy Barron, County Commissioner Karl Waitner, Keith Brown of PEG, Duane Raczkowski, Mike Watson, Tom and Jan Milarch, Dan Revolt, Charlie Ganss, Marlene and Roy Walters, Taylor and Connie White, Jim Henderson.

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

The minutes of the three August meetings of the Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Jankwietz, to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the financial report for the month of August. The receipts were \$ 180,877.64, expenditures were \$ 107,326.27 leaving a balance of \$ 139,451.03 in the General Fund as of August 31, 2013. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Hutchinson to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

Duane Raczkowski and Mike Watson asked the board to look at Olson Road. Edges are gone, some patching was done but only hit and miss. Consider weight limit signs as large heavy trucks are really messing it up.

Tom Milarch requested we look into no wake signs along the river as there is only one and more are needed.

Karl Waitner, County Commissioner spoke on the issues both county wide and also the township concerns, he is on the fair board and learned a lot about that endeavor. He is chair of the Bar Lake Improvement Board, people are passionate on both sides of the issue, October 18, 2013 will consider issues about the recently completed survey of the lake. A special assessment district may be set for tackling the concerns. The County Commissioners are working on the budget. Also working on attracting new businesses to the area jointly with Mason County.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 31 fire/medical runs during the month of August. Chief Barron had 68 hours and the total for the month was 404. Two new members joined the fire department Tim Guenthardt and Chad Morang. The station is almost completed, tentative plans are to have an Open House on October 12, 2013. A resident on Lakeshore Rd donated \$200.00 toward a new big screen television. On a motion by Hutchinson and seconded by Dontz the new fire fighters were voted into membership. All voting in favor motion

carried. They are looking into new uniforms and hoping to have the township help on the bill. Also the trucks passed testing.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 14, 2013, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall to hear verbal presentations.

There are concerns at the Maplewood public access and the Balsam access with residents using them for their own purposes. It was decided to have attorney Richard Wilson send letters to the adjoining residents asking them to remove boats or any other items from the area. Dontz will contact the County Road Commission about putting in a sign designating PUBLIC ACCESS.

The floor at the new fire station requires some finish work. 3600 square feet of new floor and 2700 square feet of old floor need some type of finish. 1. 3 part epoxy coating would be approximately \$ 3770.00; preparation would be A. contractor @ .50 sq.ft. 3100.00; B. rental of floor grinder \$200.00 per day; C. firemen would do; 2. Clear Sealer only on the new \$570.00 3. Floor paint \$ 700.00

On a motion by Dontz seconded Jankwietz Chuck Barron II sworn in as Chief. All voting in favor. Motion Carried.

It was decided to advertise for bids on sealing Zimmerman Trail.

The current bills in the amount of \$51,674.60 for the month of August were presented.

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

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Manistee Township Hall, on September 25, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 3, 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, October 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 Dontz seconded by Jankwietz to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk