

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, at 7:30 P.M., November 6, 2013, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Jankwietz, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Dan Revolt, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Keith Brown of PEG, Larry Krusniak, Dan Ursum, Mary Lou Ursum, Thom Smith, David Christian, Gary Bentley, Anthony Ganss, Sondra Nowak, Keith Winter.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Joy Hutchinson with the pledge to the United States flag. Bjorkquist then conducted the meeting. There was a moment of silence to remember Dale Edmondson a life long resident and Fire Department member.

The minutes of the October 10, 2013 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 Smith gave the financial report for the month of October. The receipts were \$ 6,540.27 expenditures were \$ 110,960.83 leaving a balance of \$ 28,090.58 in the General Fund as of October 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.

Under things to be brought to the Board, Dan Ursum spoke concerning the Bar Lake Improvement Board. He had questions concerning the validity of the petition, a conflict of interest with one member, and signatures on the petition. They, members of the association, would like to have things slowed down and some questions answered concerning their concerns. It was agreed to send a message to the Board asking for more time.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated he had 8 receipts more than in a long time. He had one complaint about junk and sent a letter about cleaning it up within 30 days.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to 22 fire/medical runs during the month of October. Approximately 150 people visited during the open house at the Fire Barn. Some items still need adjustments such as garage doors, light on the sign. Also need to appoint a new assistant chief. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Jankwietz Tom Johnson was appointed the new assistant Fire Chief. All voting in favor. Motion Carried. It was also reported that there are two new applicants for the department.

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 December 9, 2013, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for awarding of the grants for this term.

Thom Smith and David Christian gave a report on the McGuineas Cromer Drain. It is on the verge of collapsing. They are looking for an advisory committee to the project, one from the township, one for the county, and a resident of the area. The cost to repair is \$325,000, several entities would be involved, County, Township, MDOT, road commission, residents. They would like to change the name and it was suggested it be named the County Farm Drain. Guy Finout volunteered to be on the committee. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Jankwietz Finout was appointed to the board by the Township.

The no wake signs will soon be up on the big Manistee River.

The bids for the Fire Dept. parking lot were opened. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Hutchinson, Swidorski Brothers Excavating LLC was awarded the job at a cost of 6490.00. All voting in favor the motion was carried.

The snow plow bids were opened and on a motion by Dontz seconded by Jankwietz the job was awarded to Forbes Sanitation & Excavating. All voting in favor the motion was carried.

Discussion on the website it was decided to get more bids on the project.

The current bills in the amount of \$24,256.26 for the month of November were presented.

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

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Norman Township Hall, on Wednesday February 26, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, December 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, December 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, December 12, 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 9:20 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk