

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. December 12, 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 Mark Sohlden, Dan Revolt, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, County Commissioner Karl Waitner Jr. , Keith Brown of PEG, Dan & Marylou Ursum, Thom Smith, Dave Christian, Steve Blank, Don & Marlene Walter, Jim Barker, Tom Johnson, Duane Anderson, M/M Padden, Charlie Ganss, Ed Seng, Larry Krusniak.

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

The minutes of the November, 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.

Treasurer Smith gave the financial report for the month of November. The receipts were \$ 48,111.78, expenditures were \$ 24,288.26, leaving a balance of \$ 51,914.10 in the General Fund as of November 30, 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.

Waitner gave a report that window tinting at the Courthouse was taking place, it should save money in the loss of heat, will make it so people cannot look in from outside. On the Bar Lake Improvement Board it made a decision to do something to the lake, after determining what, in the spring.

Bjorkquist reported that Finout had 1 land use permit, a report of junk on Oakfield St. the own owner asked for more time, which Finout granted. The Board of Appeals presented two names for a replacement of Linda Finout, as she has moved to the planning board, Barry Elder and Duane Anderson. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist Duane Anderson was appointed to that position Motion Carried. All voting in favor.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held three training sessions, and responded to 17 fire/medical runs during the month of November. Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported that there is now a light on the north side of the fire hall, Dan Revolt built protectors for the shrubs by the building. The storage racks have been repaired. There is a vacancy in the Captains office, in discussion who should be selected is in the works. They have applied for a grant from the DNR. Received a grant from the LRBOI for \$11,000.00 for RIT with Eastlake. Brown Township has some questions and he is looking into answers.

The Christmas Party will be January 11, 2014.

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

Residents of the Bar Lake area are asking questions, can we dissolve the board. Mary Lou Ursum read a letter from the DNR as an answer to her letter.

Thom Smith, drain commissioner, and David Christian spoke about the drain issue, it was decided to have a informational meeting on January 16, 2014 and the Drain commissioner has agreed to see about using the high school and contact the residents of the area.

On a motion by Jankwietz seconded by Dontz that we have MS Creative do the work to update the website. All in favor Motion carried.

The meeting dates were discussed and a change was made to the November meeting. All in favor Motion Carried. They will be published in the paper.

The estimate from Zimmerman was discussed. A motion was made by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to go ahead with the ridge vent. All voting in favor the motion was carried.

Mark Sohlden, the new road commission manager, introduced himself and welcomed comments and questions regarding the department.

The position of Deputy Supervisor was discussed and a motion by Dontz seconded by Jankwietz to pay him \$400.00 per month. A vote on the motion was 3 ayes and 1 abstention. Motion was carried.

There have been no round tables located for the hall yet.

The bills in the amount of \$36,223.24 for the month of December were presented.

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

A report was given on the status of the sewer/water issue and there is now a 2014 deadline. More updates to be forthcoming.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz Paul Masty and Lance Osborne were added to the Fire Department. All voting in favor the motion was carried.

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Norman Township Hall, on February 22, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board**

will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 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, January 2, 2014 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, January 9, 2014, 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 8:40P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk