

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. January 9, 2014, 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Keith Brown of PEG, Duane Anderson, Tom Johnson, Ed Haik, Steve Blank, Jim Henderson, Mary Lou & Dan Ursum, Larry Krusniak, Sharon Anderson.

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

The minutes of the December 12, 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 Jankwietz gave the financial report for the month of December. The receipts were \$ 3209.97; expenditures were \$ 36,223.24, leaving a balance of \$ 18,900.83 in the General Fund as of December 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.

Steven Blank came to the meeting to inform Township Board members of a new steel manufacturing plant coming to the area. They will employ about 75 people in the manufacture of finished product 3" by 20'. Phase 1 will be a small pilot plant with a small furnace will operate 24/7; phase 2 will triple production. They will use mill scale, coke limestone and natural gas.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated it has been pretty quiet in his office. He brought a request from the planning commission to end the Lakes to Land association. They are working our own master plan. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to dissolve the association that started on June 14, 2012. All in favor the motion was carried.

Chief Barron gave a brief report on their meeting and calls. Also reported he is working on the ISO to keep our numbers low, which keeps the insurance rates for residents low. They repaired the generator. He reported that Frank Post would need board approval as the new Captain and Clarence Szymanski as a new recruit. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz they were approved. All in favor motion carried. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz the bid to hook up the generator at a cost of \$1234.00 was approved. Motion carried.

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

Clara Kraus Saari gave a report on the prison. Tim Ball is the temporary Warden. They are looking for a new one. There are 1110 prisoners now. There are now 4 Unions as food has been outsourced.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Jankwietz the February 13 meeting date is changed to February 5, 2014. All Voting in favor motion is carried.

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to pay \$2230.00 to match part of the grant to the fire department. All in favor motion is carried.

Bjorkquist is looking for bids for a new tractor for grass and snow removal.

On a motion by Jankwietz seconded by Dontz to add Bjorkquist to the fire department checking account at West Shore Bank. All in favor motion carried.

The current bills in the amount of \$48,194.89 for the month of January were presented.

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

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Township Hall, on 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, 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, February 6, 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 first **Wednesday February 5, 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 8:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk