

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Jankweitz, and Deputy Clerk M. Rebecca Dinsen. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Duane Anderson, Tom Johnson, Dan Revolt, Jim Edmondson, George Saylor, Shelly Green, Eleanor DeYoung, Frank Post and Keith Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Clerk Dinsen, and turned over to Deputy Supervisor Dennis R Bjorkquist. All attending stood and opened with the pledge to the United States flag.

The minutes of the June 12, 2014 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankweitz to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankweitz gave the Financial report for the month of June. The receipts were \$53,047.34, expenditures were \$32,928.07, leaving a balance of \$245,058.21 in the General Fund as of July 1, 2014. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the June 5, 2014 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. There were no minutes from the Zoning Appeals Board meeting held June 30, 2014.

Correspondence was received from various sources and given to each board member in their meeting packet

George Saylor, candidate for the 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge introduced himself to those in attendance.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz stated the county commissioners are dealing with budget formation, a complete end of court costs as income, issues with the Manistee County Library, the McGuineas Drain, and he is now the Chairperson of the Bar Lake Improvement Association.

Zoning Administrator Guy Finout issued nine receipts during the month of June. At the June 30 Zoning Appeals Board meeting a dimensional variance was granted for an addition at 12 Bridge Street. There are a number of pending items being researched by the Zoning Administrator at this time.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held 10 training & meeting sessions. They responded to six fire and twenty three medical runs during the month of June. There were 23 burning permits issued for the month of June. There were a total of 728 man hours during the month of June. The good news is tires were found for \$1,600.00 for Truck 31. The bad news was Truck 31 has a crack in the transmission. There will be a technician looking at it on July 11 for a cost estimate. The Department needs a new gas monitor at a cost of \$695.00. \$10,000.00 funding has

been secured toward the construction of a fire training site that would be built with shipping containers. The structure would be 40 feet long, 16 feet high on one side, and eight feet high on the other side. It is in the conceptual stage and permits would need to be secured, as well as a check of township liability insurance. There is also consideration of using the former dog pound site, on Steinberg Road for this training building.

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

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankweitz to approve the Brownfield resolution for the former Kennedy School building and property, as approved by the township attorney. Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Jankweitz voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

According to County Commissioner Dontz the next step of the McGuineas Drain, will be walking the boundaries to determine what lands it should include.

Bjorkquist has been working with the DEQ for the reimbursement of the Bridge Street Boat Launch project, since the inception of the project in 2008. Payment has finally been received from the DNR ! Thank you Mr. Bjorkquist for your persistence!

Birch Place public access to Lake Michigan from Lakeshore Road has had the corner posts replaced. There are several public accesses to Lake Michigan and Bar Lake that are used regularly by township residents and visitors. A notice may need to be published that they are not the storage area for adjacent property owners.

Supervisor Anderson has requested the affirmation of appointments and renewal of appointments to the Planning & Zoning Appeals Board. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to affirm the renewal of the appointment of Ernie Hornkohl to the Zoning Appeals Board for three years. All voting in favor. Motion carried. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to affirm the renewal of the appointment of Todd Mallison as an alternate to the Zoning Appeals Board for three years. All voting in favor. Motion carried. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Jankweitz to affirm the renewal of the appointment of John Zielinski to the Planning Commission for three years. All voting in favor. Motion carried. It was moved by Jankweitz seconded by Dontz to affirm the appointment of Barry Elder as a Zoning Appeals Board member to fill an unexpired term for 2 years. All voting in favor. Motion carried. . Anderson and Hutchinson absent.

The Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM, at the Manistee Township Hall, for the correction of errors and omissions.

Dontz noted the death of Robert Memberto, from the LRBOI, who had worked with Manistee Township on the impending Sewer Project. He was a valuable asset to the LRBOI and the community.

The current bills in the amount of \$21,973.39 for the month of July were presented.

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

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the **Springdale Township Hall** on **Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.**

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an Appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Planning Commission** will be held on **Thursday, August 7, 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, August 14, 2014, 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 **Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at the Manistee Township Hall.

In public comment Shelly Green informed the board the township web site is not up to date. She also asked how long Supervisor Anderson can serve as supervisor while being absent from the board meetings. It was explained that Supervisor Anderson was elected for a four year term, and under General Law he can maintain that position until his term expires, he chooses to resign, or he passes away. However Supervisor Anderson is in steady contact with all board members and continues to guide the township board.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron asked if the Fire Department could buy the gas monitor. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankweitz to allow the Fire Department to purchase a gas monitor from their 2014/2015 budgeted funds. Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Jankweitz voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

There being no further business or comment to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Jankweitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Jankweitz voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Deputy Clerk