

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 11, 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, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Tim Ervin, Mary Lou Ursum, Sharon Janicki, Kayla Janicki, Jim Adamski, Steve Bernatche, Sondra Novak, Tom Johnson, 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 July 10, 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 July. The receipts were \$40,498.69; expenditures were \$23,806.16, leaving a balance of \$261,750.74 in the General Fund as of August 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.

There were no approved minutes of the July 3, 2014 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting, or the June 30, 2014 Zoning Appeals Board.

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

Tim Ervin asked for a committee, or designated person to contact from the township on possible commercial developments along the US 31 corridor north. Guy E Finout, Zoning Administrator volunteered to be the contact person.

Zoning Administrator Guy Finout issued four receipts during the month of July. There is a Zoning Appeals Board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 18, at 7:00 PM. The Meijer store is progressing. There are a number of pending items being researched by the Zoning Administrator at this time.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron, explained the Manistee Township Fire Department would like to enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Village of Eastlake Fire Department. This agreement is similar to what the City of Manistee and Filer have in place. It is recognized by the ISO, and will result in lower insurance rates for the residents. Eastlake would be automatically called with Manistee Township for any house fire in Manistee Township. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankweitz to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with Eastlake, contingent on approval of Manistee township legal counsel. Jankweitz, Dontz, & Bjorkquist voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held 11 training & meeting sessions. They responded to five fire and nineteen medical runs during the month of July. Truck 1-31 is back in service, with a great deal of work being done on it. It was a total of \$9,177.74 for repairs. The good news is tires were found for \$1,600.00 for Truck 31. The Department has the new gas monitor in place. \$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. Bjorkquist asked for detailed drawings. The county fair is next week, and the Department will be helping out there. They have received a donated copier, and lap top, so they will be putting those to use.

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

The Revenue sharing Board will not meet until October 13, 2014.

Bar Lake Improvement news included the treatment of 10 acres of the lake on July 17 for Eurasian milfoil. The entire lake is 241 acres. They are hoping to treat for another invasive species this fall, but would like to borrow \$2,500.00 from the Township. There was discussion on this loan about a year ago, and that will be reviewed prior to any decision.

Mary Lou Ursum asked if the assessment of \$250.00 per parcel per year for three years could be increased. It was felt that would remain stable. There were several other questions that the township board felt could be better answered by the Bar Lake Improvement Board. The Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet on October 6, 2014, at 7:00 PM.

The McGuineas Drain Advisory Board will meet on August 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Deputy Clerk Dinsen reported the Primary Election had a turnout rate of more than 20%, which was above the State average. There were many dedicated workers, with accurate positive results. Bjorkquist thanked the Judy & Becky for their long hours.

It was noted Bjorkquist has contacted the present Manistee Township webmaster for release of the domain name, and the new company will be working on the Manistee Township web site.

Steve Bernatche explained the Penny Park Project in Eastlake has been approved, and is working under a Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. They have reached the point of needing a loan to continue the project, as they are reimbursed for paid receipts. They anticipate completion of the project by the end of this year. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankweitz to loan Eastlake \$60,000.00, as a contingency fund, to

allow completion of the project. The provisions of this loan would be contingent on legal counsel, no fees will be paid by Manistee Township, the loan would be paid back to the township in full by December 31, 2014, and the money could be used only for the Penny Park Project. Dontz and Jankweitz voting in favor. Bjorkquist opposed. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

Connie Anderson, Assessor has had an assessing contract with Manistee Township for a number of years. The contract has expired. It was moved by Jankweitz, seconded by Dontz to advertise for a Level 2 Assessor for Manistee Township. All voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried. A copy of the present contract will be used as a job description. Proposals will be opened at the next township board meeting.

The air conditioner in the office end of the hall has been out, and was replaced this week.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to approve the Humane Society holding a Tag Day in Manistee Township on August 22, & 23, 2014. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

A reminder that the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The hours will be 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It was moved by Jankweitz, seconded by Dontz to pay the township portion of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, not to exceed the amount of the last matching donation. All voting in favor. Anderson and Hutchinson absent. Motion carried.

There are several public accesses to Lake Michigan and Bar Lake that are used regularly by township residents and visitors. A letter will be sent to adjacent property owners, stating the public access sites are not the storage area, parking area, or exclusive property of the adjacent property owners. All Public Access Site posts will be replaced.

The Manistee Township Board of Review met on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM, at the Manistee Township Hall, and corrected errors and omissions.

The current bills in the amount of \$49,951.31 for the month of August 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 **Stronach Township Hall** on **Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.**

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

will be held on **Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Planning Commission** will be held on **Thursday, September 4, 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, September 11, 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, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at the Manistee Township Hall.

There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Jankweitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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