

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Also present was Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Zoning Administrator Guy Finout, Deputy Clerk Rebecca Dinsen, Clara Saari, Shari Anderson, Tom Johnson, Dan Revolt, and Keith Brown from PEG.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist. All attending stood and opened with the pledge to the United States flag.

Supervisor Bjorkquist introduced new Township Clerk Dianne Taylor.

The minutes of the October 9, 2014 Manistee Township Board meeting and October 12, 2014 and October 23, 2014 Special Meetings were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankwietz to approve the minutes of both meetings as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the financial report for the month of October. The receipts were \$5,191.51; expenditures were \$68,457.25, leaving a balance of \$174,581.00 in the General Fund as of November 1, 2014. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Taylor to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the October 2014 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were not available as the Planning Commission will not meet to accept them until the regular meeting tomorrow, November 6, 2014.

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

County Commissioner, Jeff Dontz was not available for an update.

Zoning Administrator, Guy Finout stated two zoning amendments are being worked on to permit banking and insurance businesses in the Township commercial zones, and to allow agricultural operations in an R-2 district. Finout indicated he has a new computer which allows him to have aerial maps. The July 2014 Round Up treatment of Bar Lake for phragmites was reported as successful; no word yet on the September treatment. The Flood Plain Mapping is available, and there continues to be a dog barking issue.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held eleven training & meeting sessions. They responded to nine fire and twelve medical runs during the month of October. The MTFD had 420 hours for service, training, and daily duties during the month of October. Chief Barron has signed the Sales Agreement with Brindley Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC for the 1999 KME Aerialcat 75' Quint fire truck that will replace truck number 133. The vehicle is being updated per Manistee Fire Department specifications; expected delivery is late December 2014. Minor repairs were necessary to trucks 131 and 132. Water splashing on the South side of the Fire Hall

continues to be an issue; and, the department is still seeking new members. Gus Storm recently retired and was honored with a cake for 41 years of service as a Fireman. The fire department did not qualify for the FEMA Grant they were seeking.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated during the month of October, Meijer has applied for a Liquor License, and Insta Launch and Heathlands have reduced hours.

A motion to renew the Manistee Recreation Association contract for two years at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year to be paid quarterly was made by Jankwietz, seconded by Dontz. Motion carried in a roll call vote by Dontz, Jankwietz, Bjorkquist and Taylor.

Guy Finout attended the McGuinness Drain meeting on October 30, 2014. He reported they are considering repairing the north 800 feet of pipe. This repair would not eliminate a one hundred year event. The committee is still exploring repair options and costs. The next meeting is Monday, December 8, 2014.

Bjorkquist motioned, Jankwietz seconded, for Bjorkquist, Taylor and Jankwietz to have signatory powers on the bank accounts. Motion passed.

Resumes for the unexpired term of Trustee were received until noon today. Dontz suggested the Board postpone a decision on the applicants to allow adequate time to consider each resume. Bjorkquist motioned to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bjorkquist presented the annual 2015 calendar. There are no changes at this time.

Clerk Taylor presented the election update. There were 1,305 total ballots cast in Manistee Township consisting of 871 regular ballots and 434 absentee ballots. The ballots represented 54% of the Township's registered voters. The clerical staff and election workers spent approximately 200 hours preparing for, and working on Election Day.

Jankwietz advised the Board there are mechanical and quality issues with the office copier. Discussion regarding amount of use followed. Jankwietz will gather information on new copiers for the Board to review.

Frank Post presented information on the Par Plan Grant that may be available to the Fire Department for additional building security and monitoring equipment. The system would be expandable so other Township buildings could be included in the system at a later date if needed. The security/monitoring system would be a hard wired computer system with backup power supply that would notify key people of intrusions, power outages, and more. To facilitate applying for the grant, the MTFD needs the following resolution:

**A Resolution Approving Grant Submission for Fire Department Security and Building Monitoring Improvements**

WHEREAS, The Township of Manistee recognizes the need for Fire Department Security and Station Monitoring Improvements to reduce related potential theft and damage to fire apparatus and other equipment,

WHEREAS, there is Risk Reduction Grant funding available through the Michigan Township Participating Plan (Par Plan),

BE IT RESOLVED the Manistee Township Board approves the submission of a grant application to the Risk Reduction Grant Program through the Par Plan for the purchase of security hardware and software to be installed at the Manistee Township Fire Department.

Jankwietz moved the Board approve the resolution as written; Dontz seconded. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote by Jankwietz, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Taylor.

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of Manistee Township do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the November 5, 2014 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

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Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he will attend the Penny Park meeting seeking reimbursement for attorney fees per previous agreement.

A bill for the month of October and the bills for November totaling \$33,091.25 were presented for payment approval. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Jankwietz, to pay the bills as presented and as they are received for the month of November. Motion carried unanimously.

The **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will meet in a joint session with the **Manistee Township Planning Commission** on **Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The **Manistee Township Board of Review, Errors and Omissions**, will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on the second **Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 7:30 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the **Brown Township Hall** on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

The next regular meeting of the **Bar Lake Improvement Board** will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2015 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 Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Jankwietz, and Taylor voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk