

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M. Dontz, Guy Finout, Connie L. Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Also present was Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Rebecca Dinsen, Duane Anderson, Charles Ganss, 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 Trustee Guy Finout and Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse.

The minutes of the November 6, 2014 Manistee Township Board meeting and November 10, 2014 Special meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Taylor 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 November. The receipts were \$46,888.82; expenditures were \$30,348.43, leaving a balance of \$191,251.20 in the General Fund as of December 1, 2014. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Finout 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 put on file.

Correspondence included a three year audit engagement letter From Gabridge & Company. Gabridge & Company, formerly David Wilson CPA, has been the annual auditor for several years.

In a request from Supervisor Bjorkquist for public comment, Charles Ganss presented an invoice for an additional \$1,150.00 expense due on the Bar Lake project and questioned if it had been paid. It was noted that \$300.00 had recently been paid to the County Treasurer on the project; however, this particular invoice was new to the Township so it would be reviewed with the County Treasurer to determine if the Township or the County should pay the invoice.

Trustee Guy Finout, who has zoning and planning responsibilities, indicated one fence and one commercial sign permit was issued last month. The Planning committee will review three changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The McGuiness Drain District has been reviewed and determined.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department had 484 hours of service and responded to three fire and twenty-two medical runs during the month of November. Chief Barron stated the #33 truck replacement is currently in paint; #31 leak was repaired; #32 drains were repaired; #31 needed a water gauge, and #37 received a

battery. The Automatic Aid Agreement with the Village of East Lake has been approved and signed. Chris Coady has applied for a position with the Fire Department. Mr. Coady is certified as a Fire Fighter One and is two-thirds thru his EMT training. Chief Barron is recommending appointment of Mr. Coady to the Fire Department. Chief Barron invited the Township Board to the Fire Department Christmas party at the Casino on January 10, 2015.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated during the month of November, Meijer license is still in process and two businesses have closed for the season.

The Oaks Prison Report will be available after their January meeting.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Board met December 8, 2014 to distribute approximately \$96,000.00 in funds.

The Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet March 2, 2015.

Guy Finout attended the McGuiness Drain meeting on December 8, 2014. He reported the expanded drainage district encompasses 5.5 square miles and they are working on various water collection systems. The next meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Treasurer Jankwietz presented the Board with information on new copy machines available for the Township Hall. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Finout, to purchase a new color copier. All in favor; motion carried.

On November 20, 2014, an intergovernmental meeting was held regarding the Manistee County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Trustee Dontz attended as did Thom Smith and Ken Falk, Manistee County Sheriff Department. The Hazards Mitigation Plan is being drafted and must be adopted and in place prior to applying for a FEMA grant to fund the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the Manistee Township Hall at 9:00 A.M.

A motion to update the signatory powers at the banks to include new Trustee Guy Finout was made by Taylor and seconded by Dontz. In a roll call vote by Bjorkquist, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, and Taylor each voting yea, the motion passed.

Supervisor Bjorkquist motioned, Jankwietz seconded, to appoint Chris Coady to the Manistee Township Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted Planning Commission meeting dates were changed to January 7, April 16 and July 8, 2015. Dontz moved, Finout seconded, to change the November Township Board meeting date to Tuesday, November 10, 2015. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The December bills totaling \$35,027.68 were presented. Dontz motioned and Jankwietz seconded, to pay the bills as presented and received for the month of December. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will meet on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an appeal.

The **Manistee Township Planning Commission** will be held at the Manistee Township Hall on **Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

The **Manistee Township Board of Review, Errors and Omissions**, will be held on **Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 17, 2015 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, January 8, 2015 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, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular meeting for the **Cromer/McGuinness Drain** will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2015** 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 8:05 P.M. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Jankwietz, and Taylor voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk