

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, Guy Finout, Connie Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Board member John Dontz was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Tina Miller West Shore Medical Center Emergency Services Director, Kenn Kott MRA, Mark Sohlden Manistee County Road Commission Manager, Sal Reckow and Annie Hooghart Manistee County Road Commission Board Members and Keith Brown from PEG.

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

Minutes from the January 15, 2015 Manistee Township Board Meeting were provided. Treasurer Connie Jankwietz made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Guy Finout. Trustee Finout stated there was an error made in the minutes regarding date of last Planning Commission meeting. Motion was made by Treasurer Jankwietz to withdraw approval. Seconded by Trustee Finout. Clerk Dianne Taylor stated date would be corrected. Motion to approve corrected minutes was made by Trustee Finout. Seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January. The receipts were \$65,357.70; expenditures were \$45,597.96, leaving a balance of \$188,842.42 in the General Fund as of January 31, 2015. It was moved by Trustee Finout, seconded by Clerk Taylor to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Guy Finout presented Planning Commission minutes from the December 4, 2014 and January 7, 2015 meetings. Motion to accept made by Clerk Taylor. Seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor, yea. Motion carried and minutes placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not have a meeting in January.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available for the County Commission report.

Trustee Finout reported on the activity in the Zoning office. There have not been any requests made for land use permits or any complaints for the month of January.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented Fire Department information for January 2015, indicating 5 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 19 medical runs, and 8 fire runs. They had 396 billable hours including 72 for the Fire Chief and 88 for the office. New truck is done and should be here by March 2, 2015. Boon Fire Department has not called back to Chief Barron regarding #133. #132 side marker light was repaired.

Garage door openers are working great. Gear rack made by Jim Edmondson has been installed and working well. Received maps from the County and Gus Storm is working on a unit to house the maps. Fire Fighters from Manistee Township and Eastlake Departments performed search and rescue training and airport training. Manistee Township Fire Department was assisted by Eastlake Fire Department on February 7, 2015 with a house fire caused by an explosion on Pine Creek Rd. The automatic tone worked well in that situation. Chief Barron states it was odd that the department did not receive the power plant grant; he is going to look into that. Manistee Fire Department is exploring a joint revenue sharing grant with Eastlake Fire Department for fire hoses and ladders. Chief Barron has created a Facebook page for the Fire Department.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there are no changes.

Oak Prison Quarterly Report will be handled by Clara Saari.

The current Revenue Sharing Cycle has a deadline of 5:00 P.M. on March 6, 2015.

Supervisor Bjorkquist indicated the Cromer/McGuinness Drain expenses are already at \$200,000.00 and requested some research be done to help with continuing expenses.

West Shore Medical Center Emergency Services Manager, Tina Miller, presented a request for the use of the Township Hall facilities for emergency situations. The current plan for disaster preparedness requires three locations; WSMC classrooms are first, the Coastline Medical Building is second, and the Township Hall would be third. WSMC would provide a mobile center consisting of computers, telephones, and emergency equipment. Supervisor Bjorkquist requested WSMC provide a "Memorandum of Understanding" from WSMC Emergency Services before acting on this request.

Kenn Kott, current director of the MRA, is requesting the use of the Township Tennis Courts for a new pickle ball activity. Mr. Kott grew up in Manistee and took over duties of the MRA from Vicki Sheffield. He thanked the Township for their continued support of the MRA programs. The board asked that Mr. Kott put the request in writing but did verbally acknowledge the MRA could use the tennis courts.

Manistee County Road Commission Manager, Mark Sohlden, presented to the Board a packet containing basic facts and information for the upcoming year of the MCRC. Sal Reckow and Annie Hooghart from MCRC were also present. This packet is available for review at the Manistee Township Hall. There are 5 Commissioners, 31 full time employees, and 2 seasonal workers. They currently maintain 1,127 miles of road in Manistee County, with 192 miles as seasonal. The budget has been approved with a better year than expected. Mr. Sohlden explained the county plow routes consist of four priorities. Priority 1 is highways such as US31, M55, M22, M115, etc. Priority 2 is county primary roads such as Coates Hwy, 9 and 13 Mile Rds., Warfield Rd, etc. Priority 3 is local thru roads, and dead end roads and subdivisions are priority four. All

roads within the township are prioritized. Trustee Finout requested a list of routes be emailed to him. Updates for winter maintenance were provided. We have received 75 inches of snow so far vs. 178 inches at this time last year. When not plowing snow, the MCRC workers work on patching the roads. The MCRC purchased a new pot hole patcher to replace one of the older models. MCRC has received federal funding to use for chip and sealing of roads this season. Local projects within the county are based upon township requests that need to be to the MCRC by end of April early May at the latest. An increase to the sales tax will be presented to the voters on the May 2015 ballot. The MCRC receives 19 cents per gallon of gas. Kott and Dontz road improvements slated for 2016/2017. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked Mr. Sohlden for great work in maintaining the roads this winter.

Trustee Guy Finout presented a resolution to establish a six month moratorium on the issuance of licenses, permits or approvals for the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana for the MI Medical Marijuana Act. Treasurer Jankwietz motioned, Clerk Taylor seconded, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF MANISTEE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ESTABLISH A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PERMITS OR APPROVALS FOR THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MCL 333.26421 et Seq.) was approved by Michigan voters on November 4, 2008 and became law on December 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Manistee adopted a Zoning Ordinance effective December 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance does not specifically provide for properties or structures to be used as facilities for dispensing marijuana or cultivating plants for medical or any other purposes, and those uses were not envisioned when the Zoning Ordinance was adopted; and,

WHEREAS, evaluation of what, if any, changes may be necessary to the Zoning Ordinance to address Medical Marijuana operations within the Township should be made by the Township of Manistee Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to ascertain the best and safest way to comply with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act; and, until the Township of Manistee Planning Commission has the opportunity to review what changes may be necessary to the Zoning Ordinance, and in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, the Township finds and determines it is reasonable and prudent to immediately forbid the use of all property and structures in the Township of Manistee as facilities for dispensing

marijuana or cultivating marijuana plants for medical or any other purpose for a limited period of time until the Zoning Ordinance can be amended to address such facilities and operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Township of Manistee adopts a moratorium on the issuance of all zoning permits and business licenses for the growing, dispensing, providing, sale or other distribution of marijuana under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, being MCL333.26421, et seq. This moratorium shall continue for a period of six (6) months from the adoption of this resolution, unless extended prior to the expiration of that time.

Yeas 4 (Bjorkquist, Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Dontz)

Resolution declared passed.

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 February 12, 2015 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

Dianne Taylor, Township Clerk

Trustee Finout also presented to the Board information on Zoning Ordinance Amendments for, (1) crop production in R-2, (2) assured shared access, and (3) banking within a commercial area. The Amendments have been reviewed by Township legal counsel. Treasurer Jankwietz motioned to amend zoning for crop production in R-2; Trustee Finout seconded; all in favor; motion passed. A motion to amend the zoning ordinance to allow shared access within the township was made by Supervisor Bjorkquist; seconded by Trustee Finout. Further discussion resulted in the motion being withdrawn. A new motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow assured shared access in a subdivision, with specifics as recommended by the planning commission, was made by Supervisor Bjorkquist, seconded by Trustee Finout; all in favor; motion

carried. A motion made by Clerk Taylor to amend zoning ordinance to allow banking within a commercial area was seconded by Trustee Finout; all in favor; motion passed.

A request to share expenses 50/50 with a township developer was tabled pending additional research.

United Veterans Council has requested funding from the Township for flags at a cost of \$500.00 for 2015. A motion to fund the request was made by Treasurer Jankwietz; seconded by Clerk Taylor. The motion was withdrawn after Clerk Taylor indicated the Township missed the opportunity to respond to a \$500.00 flag request for 2014. Supervisor Bjorkquist publicly apologized for this error. Supervisor Bjorkquist suggested an increase for the current year. Treasurer Jankwietz motioned to give \$750.00 to the United Veterans Council for flags; Trustee Finout seconded; all in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Manistee Conservation District has requested funding for Manistee, Mason, & Oceana Household Hazardous Waste Program. The date for this program has been set for Saturday, August 15, 2015 located at Manistee County Road Commission building. Clerk Taylor made motion to participate in the 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Program at a cost of \$1300.00; seconded by Trustee Finout; all in favor; motion carried.

Organizational Meeting for the Board of Review has been slated for March 3, 2015 at 6 P.M. This is an open meeting. The dates for the Board of Review Taxpayers Appeals have been set for Monday, March 9, 2015 from 2:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.; Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Dates will be published in the Manistee News Advocate and on the Township Bulletin Board.

Bills for February totaling \$43802.38 were presented. Treasurer Jankwietz made motioned to pay the bills as presented and received for the month of February. Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

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 Board of Appeals will meet on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015** at the **Manistee Township Hall**, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

The next regular meeting for the **Cromer/McGuinness Drain** will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2015** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

The **Manistee Township Board of Review, Errors and Omissions**, will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2015** from **2:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.** and **6:00 to 9:00 P.M.**, and on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015** from **9A.M. to 12:00 P.M.** and **1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Clerk Taylor, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk