

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, Guy Finout, John Dontz, Connie Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Also present were Asst. Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Dan Revolt, Paul Revolt, Manistee County Drain Commissioner Thomas Smith, Ed Seng, Dan Ursum, Mary Lou Ursum and Keith Brown from PEG. Fire Chief Chuck Barron arrived later.

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

Minutes from the March 12, 2015 Manistee Township Board Meeting were provided. Treasurer Connie Jankwietz motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Guy Finout. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March. The receipts were \$188,483.71; expenditures were \$31,063.51 leaving a balance of \$288,338.44 in the General Fund as of March 31, 2015. It was moved by Trustee John Dontz, seconded by Trustee Finout to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission did not meet in March. Next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Board; there were no requests or comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz presented Manistee County activity. The County has upgraded their phone system. Training for Place Making will take place on April 17, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at West Shore Medical Center. The month of April has been adopted as Parkinson Awareness month. Minutes from the Bar Lake Improvement Board were submitted to the Board via email. At the last Manistee County Road Commission meeting it was noted that MDOT will be working on a small area of US31 near Scottville. Two (2) mechanics have been offered positions. Commissioner Dontz attended the Oaks Prison meeting. Tom Mackie is the new warden. Currently, there are several vacancies due to retirements. The Prison is looking into LED lighting to improve security.

Trustee Guy Finout, acting as the Zoning Administrator, stated there was one (1) land use permit requested and granted in March for home occupation. No complaints made.

Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson presented Fire Department information for March 2015 as Fire Chief Chuck Barron was absent at the time. There were 8 meetings and/or training sessions held; 15 medical runs, and 4 fire runs. They had 210 billable hours including 50 for the Fire Chief and 327 for the office. Additional airport training will take place on May 9, 2015 at the airport. Twenty (20) bundles of hose have arrived; some will be used at Eastlake Township Fire Dept., the others at Manistee Township Fire Department. They are continuing training and outfitting of the new ladder truck. Supervisor Bjorkquist extended his thanks to the fire fighters for what they do.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there were no significant changes.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Board met on Monday, April 13, 2015 to hear applications for funds. The Board is currently reviewing the applications that were presented.

Under Unfinished Business, Drain Commissioner Thomas Smith presented the board with information regarding the Cromer/McGuinness Drain. 850 feet of pipe will be replaced with plastic piping, which is cheaper and has a fifty year warranty. Two (2) new manholes will be added, with maintenance occurring on the existing manhole. Projected start date is the first part of May 2015. Approximately 318 parcels will be affected. Currently accepting bids for the job. The storm that caused the damage to the Drain has been re-categorized as a 200 year event, not a 100 year event. FEMA assistance is not available for a 200 year event. A catch basin will be constructed to collect debris. The area near the WSMC hele-pad needs to be repaired; it is currently ready to collapse. Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if there has been any movement on grants or loans to assist with the cost of this project. Drain Commissioner Smith has been in contact with the USDA regarding grants or loans. MDOT has been notified of this project. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00P.M.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, updated the Board regarding the Subdivision developer fee split. Thoughts of a 50/50 split were entertained, as recommended by the Planning Commission Board. Discussion occurred that the Township should be responsible for some of the fees; however, should it be 1/3, 2/3rds, or 1/2 of the costs as presented to the Board. Clerk Taylor made a motion for the Planning Commission to review the prepared cost sheet to clarify their original recommendation. Seconded by Trustee Dontz. No further discussion occurred. Motion carried.

The Bar Lake Improvement Board met on Monday, April 6, 2015. It was decided at this meeting to not bring the funding request, previously entertained, to the board.

Under New Business, Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he had received the Memorandum of Understanding from West Shore Medical Center regarding the request to use the Township Hall as an emergency operations center. Trustee Finout supported the idea of asking for the memorandum of understanding to be modified to specifically state the banquet hall only would be available to WSMC.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Township Board and Planning Commission has been invited to the ribbon cutting for the Meijer store on April 30, 2015.

Annual Trash Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Fire Department on Hill Road. A notification will appear in the News Advocate. Currently looking for volunteers since the Fire Fighters will be attending airport training that day.

Bills for April totaling \$31,048.51 were presented. Trustee Dontz motioned to pay the bills as presented and received for the month of April. Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association will meet at the Manistee Township Hall Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Representative Ray Franz will be attending. The Township Clerks and Treasurers will split and meet after Rep. Franz speaks.

The Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015** at the **Manistee Township Hall**, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk