

**The Manistee Township Board held a special meeting on Friday, August 7, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, John Dontz, Guy Finout, Dianne Taylor, and Connie Jankwietz. The meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Posting attached.**

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist with the pledge to the United States flag.**

**Also joining the meeting at 9:05 AM were Manistee Interim City Manager Ben Bifoss, City Treasurer Ed Bradford, and City Public Works Manager Jeff Mikula.**

**Trustee Finout had requested this meeting to review the latest version of a proposed contract with the City of Manistee for water service along the US 31 Highway corridor in Manistee Township. Topics in the discussion included current City of Manistee commercial and residential customer water rates, future customer rate options, who would do the water service billing, the process required for a resident to apply for water service, and a proposed timetable to complete the agreement, pending contract tweaks by the appropriate attorneys and subsequent review by the Township Board and City Council. There being no further discussion on the water contract, the City of Manistee representatives departed at 9:40 AM.**

**Trustee Dontz advised the Board that pipe and equipment is in place for Elmer's to begin the first phase of the sewer construction. The DEQ permit was signed yesterday so construction of Phase One has begun. In addition, Trustee Dontz has been notified by LRBOI that the building located on the easement property may need to be removed in order to properly locate the lift station for phase two of the sewer line from M55 to Kemmer Road. Trustee Dontz is working on getting cost estimates for building removal should it become necessary to complete the sewer project.**

**There being no further business or public comment, Trustee Dontz motioned and Trustee Finout seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz and Taylor voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk**