

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday September 10, 2015 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee John Dontz, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Trustee Guy Finout was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Ken Falk, Dan and Mary Lou Ursum, Sondra Nowak, and Keith Brown with PEG. Dan Jach arrived late.

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

Minutes of the August 13, 2015 Manistee Township Board Meeting and the August 18, 2015 special meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Connie Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2015. The receipts were \$61,286.08; expenditures were \$29,789.21, leaving a balance of \$38,497.95 in the General Fund as of August 30, 2015. Motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Clerk Dianne Taylor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Manistee Township Planning Commission met September 3, 2015. Minutes from the July 8, 2015 and the August 6, 2015 meetings were accepted and placed on file by the Planning Commission. September 3, 2015 proposed minutes were not available yet.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not have a meeting on September 1, 2015.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the Board. Nothing was brought to the Board at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not present to report on activities for the County.

Supervisor Bjorkquist presented activities for the Zoning office, per Zoning Administrator Guy Finout's request. There were no receipts for the month of August. Discussion between the City and Township regarding water is still ongoing, should reach a resolution soon. The details on fees for the property owners involved in the LRBOI Sewer project are still being discussed. Demolition of the building at 550 Parkdale Ave has been addressed. Discussion of the Easement for the LRBOI Sewer Lift Station is on the agenda.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented numbers for August 2015 for the Manistee Township Fire Dept., 10 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 17 medical runs, 6 fire runs. They had 511 hours for August, 363 for personnel and 148 for Chief and officers. Stenciling for Ladder 133 has been completed by Amor Signs. Rescue 135R will need new tires before winter, estimated cost up to \$600.00. Work on Tender 134 consists of creating a hose bed to maximize space on the truck. Engine 131 needs a light bar replaced on the driver's side. The County Training facility is progressing. Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned and set up the Fire Hall for the memorial service for Harry Sparks that took place on Saturday, September 5, 2015. Pump and Ladder testing has been completed with all trucks passing. The Fire Dept. has purchased a computer to complete Fire/Medical reports. The Fire Dept. was present at the Manistee County Fair for any medical or fire issues. The Fire Dept. is still recruiting new members.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated no significant changes for August.

Cromer/McGuinness Drain meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2015.

Under new business, Ken Falk addressed the board regarding the Manistee County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Falk stressed the importance of each Township to have a Resolution in place that supports the Manistee County Hazard Mitigation Plan in case of a disaster. Mr. Falk states that a formal, written resolution must be in place for FEMA to address any reimbursement requests for a natural disaster, such as wildfires, lakeshore erosion, and damage from storms. There is not an initial cost for this plan and it would be valid for 5 years. The board will discuss this further.

The easement for LRBOI Sewer Lift Station was discussed which would allow the tribe to construct and maintain a sewer lift station at 550 Parkdale Avenue; the lift station is required to complete of Phase 2 of the sewer project. A motion was made by Trustee Dontz to grant an easement located at 550 Parkdale Avenue to the LRBOI for construction of a sewer lift station. Seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Taylor addressed the board regarding the recent "no shows" occurring at the Township Hall rental space. Discussion will occur regarding changing the fee collection policy. A suggestion was made to collect the total daily rental fees up front and reimburse at a later date if the renter cancels with a phone call or in person in the designated timeframe. Another suggestion was to collect a non-refundable deposit when the reservation is made. Any further suggestions, please present to Clerk Taylor.

Treasurer Jankwietz addressed the board regarding the issue of the channel from Portage Lake to Lake Michigan. The channel is very shallow. Perhaps a letter needs to be written in support of repairs. Further discussion regarding this issue will happen at a later date.

The current bills for September totaling \$29,789.21 were provided. Motion to pay the bills as they are received for the month of August was made by Trustee Dontz. Treasurer Jankwietz seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be **Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Maple Grove Township, 9213 Aura Street, Kaleva.**

Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet **Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet **Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall.**

Manistee Twp Planning Commission will be held **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall. Dahm Public Hearing is also same date and time as Planning Commission.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had any other public comment at this time. Mr. Dan Jach addressed the board regarding Bar Lake. Mr. Jach was in contact with a representative from LRS. He questioned whether the boat motors can chew up the invasive species in Bar Lake and spread it. The answer was yes. Mr. Jach asked who he needed to contact to request that Bar Lake be changed to a non-motorized Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Ursum supported Mr. Jach in his request, as did Ms. Sondra Nowak. Discussion followed which ended with Supervisor Bjorkquist stating the board would look into possible solutions.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk