

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Trustee John Dontz, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, and Keith Brown with PEG.

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

Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Manistee Township Board 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 September. The receipts were \$45,695.99; expenditures were \$36,515.96, leaving a balance of \$47,686.03 in the General Fund as of September 30 2015. Motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Manistee Township Planning Commission met September 4, 2015 and October 7, 2015; accepted minutes were not available yet.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the Board. No items were brought to the Board at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported to the board that West Shore Medical Center is working with Munson Hospital for a closer affiliation. Closure of the tunnel connecting Manistee County Medical Center and West Shore Medical Center is being considered. Manistee County Road Commission passed an estimated 8 million budget for 2015/2016. Commissioner Dontz brought a request to the board for an updated Letter Resolution for the Bar Lake Improvement Board. The original Letter of Resolution addresses only the invasive species issue for Bar Lake. The BLIB is asking the board to re-visit the original letter to now address all three areas of concern; lake levels, watershed, invasive species. A motion was made by Trustee Dontz to retain the Letter of Resolution as written and established. Motion failed for lack of second. Next scheduled meeting for the BLIB is March 7, 2016.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Adm, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for September. There were a total of 6 receipts. No complaints were made. Parkdale Auto

has requested the property recently purchased by them be used as a used car dealership.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented numbers for September 2015 for the Manistee Township Fire Department; 6 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 20 medical runs, 5 fire runs. They had 265 hours for July, 169 for meetings/training and 96 for Chief and officers. #135 has new tires; work continues on the hose bed cover for #134. The training area is still being constructed. The Dept has received 2 new applicants; one applicant does have fire fighting training. There will be an open house on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the Fire Dept for Fire Prevention Week. There will be games, activities, food, and donations accepted. All proceeds will go to the Sievert family.

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

Commissioner Dontz, for Clara Saari, stated new information is not available on the Oaks Prison.

Under unfinished business, Supervisor Bjorkquist is waiting for additional information on the repairs necessary to preserve the Portage Lake Channel.

The request for making Bar Lake a No-Wake lake is still being researched; Supervisor Bjorkquist will update the board as information becomes available.

Under new business, sealed bids were opened for snowplowing for the 2015/2016 winter season. Only one bid was received, from Forbes. Clerk Taylor made a motion to accept the bid with Trustee Dontz supporting. All in favor. Yea.

The following resolution regarding Manistee Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan was adopted at the regular scheduled Board Meeting, October 8, 2015, and reads as the following;

### **Manistee Township Resolution for Non-ERISA Retirement Plan**

**RESOLVED**, that the Manistee Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan (the Plan) will be amended and restated in the form attached hereto as required by Internal Revenue Service regulations;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the authorized signor of the Township of Manistee be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute the Plan on behalf of the Township of Manistee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above stated policy and guidelines are adopted at the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held Thursday, October 8, 2015.

Motion made by Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Dontz to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following votes aye: Trustee Finout, Trustee Dontz, Treasurer Jankwietz, Clerk Taylor, and Supervisor Bjorkquist. The following voted nay: None. Upon completion of roll call vote, the Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly appointed Clerk of the Township of Manistee, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Manistee Township Board at the regular meeting held on October 8, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, by roll call vote of members and the resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

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Dianne Taylor, Clerk  
Manistee Township

The board was presented with a 2016 calendar consisting of currently scheduled meeting dates. Please provide any requests for changes to Clerk Taylor. Supervisor Bjorkquist requested the board entertain the idea of a 7:00P.M. start time for 2016 Board meetings.

The Manistee Conservation District has requested letters of support be written to support the issue of controlling Oak Wilt fungus. A motion was made by Treasurer Jankwietz, supported by Clerk Taylor to promote a letter of support per the Manistee Conservation District's request.

The current bills for October totaling \$36,515.96 were provided. Motion to pay the bills as they are received for the month of October was made by Trustee Dontz. Trustee Finout seconded. Motion moved and supported. All in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist took the opportunity to inform the township residents that the paper recycling truck has been removed from the Kennedy School property by the current property owners. Residents can access the PCA recycling trucks located at the back of either Manistee High School or Manistee Catholic Central. Please do not put paper/cardboard in the current recycling containers located at the Fire Hall.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting** will be **Wednesday October 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at **Marilla Township Hall**, 9991 Marilla Road, Copemish.

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Manistee Twp Planning Commission will be held **Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015** at 7:30 PM 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 Clerk Taylor, seconded by Trustee Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk