

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Trustee Dontz was absent and excused. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Judy Tabaczka, Dan Revolt, Amas Soorus and Keith Brown, PEG. Fire Chief Chuck Barron was absent and excused. Duane Anderson arrived at 7:20PM.

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

Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2016. The receipts were \$51,447.24, expenditures were \$30,834.25, leaving a balance of \$96,606.72 in the General Fund as of January 31, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Finout to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Manistee Township Planning Commission met on February 4, 2016. Accepted minutes for the January 7, 2016 meeting were in the board packets. February 4, 2016 meeting minutes were not available yet.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet; no appeals to be heard.

Miscellaneous correspondence was included in the Board's packet, no discussion followed.

There being no public comment at this time, Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist continued the meeting with a report from County Commissioner Jeff Dontz.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz addressed the board. The Armory is listed for sale; branches of the service will be offered first option on the property. The Council on Aging and the 12th Street Youth Project have expressed strong interest in the property. Inspections must take place prior to sale as there may be code or brownfield issues that could affect the sale price. There are currently 250+ parcels, with 66 of those primary residences that are delinquent on taxes. The merger between WSMC and Munson has a target deadline date of June for completion with the agreement going to the County Board at the July meeting. MCRC has a public hearing scheduled regarding the closures of 7th and 9th Street roads in Onekama Township, which will impact the Portage Point Inn renovations.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Adm, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for January. There were no permits, no complaints, and no appeals. The sewer should be completed in the spring and a Sewer Use Ordinance is being developed and needs to be approved by the board. Another meeting is scheduled with the City of Manistee regarding water on February 24, 2016. The County planner, Rob Carsen, is working with Trustee Finout to update the 2004 US 31 Corridor Plan for submission to the Planning Commission for modification and/or approval. The

Dahm subdivision is on hold pending a modified plan being submitted to the State of Michigan for approval. The Bar Lake Improvement Board meeting originally scheduled for March has been moved to April 4, 2016.

Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson presented the January Fire Department report: 3 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 24 medical runs, 2 fire runs. They had 377 personnel hours and 62 hours for Chief and Officers for January, of which 210 were for meetings/training. Flashing amber lights for current fire truck signs, located on Hill Rd and US 31, have been approved by MDOT; do not have an install date as yet. The department will be applying for PPE grant because the department Personal Protection Equipment is out of compliance; also, applying for FEMA Grant for SCBA's valued at approximately \$105,000 with a 5% match; did not receive the Par Plan Grant. The ISO results are back and the department scored very well. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked everyone at the Fire Department for their dedication and good work.

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

No report on the Oaks Prison.

Cromer/McGuinness drain bids are scheduled to be advertised in the newspaper on February 24, 2016. One bid is for a new liner; the other is for the drain behind the hospital. The bid packets have been sent to the printers.

Under unfinished business, the Onekama Township Funds Request continues to be tabled until Mr. Meister can attend the Manistee Township Board meeting in March.

Mr. Amas Soorus presented information on the Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Soorus is looking for support from the Township of Manistee to promote the Little Manistee River Watershed Management Plant to preserve and protect the river and the surrounding areas. Currently, Mason and Lake Counties are on board with this plan, while Stronach Township has opposed it. Mr. Soorus presented the board with a Partnership Agreement for further discussion.

The United Veterans Council of Manistee County has requested, via letter, funds for the 2016 veteran cemetery flags. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to support the United Veterans Council with a check for \$750.00 to purchase flags; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

The bills for February totaling \$33,173.99 have been provided. Trustee Finout made the motion to approve the bills for February as they are received. Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee Township Board of Review – Organizational meeting - NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD – Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall (in the Board Room), 410 Holden Street.

Manistee Township Board of Review – Appeals – Monday, March 14, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 9:00 to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be March 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Norman Township 1273 S. Seaman Rd. Wellston, MI 49689

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if there was any other public comment. There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Finout to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk