

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 7:00 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 Asst. Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Revolt and Keith Brown with PEG. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz and Fire Chief Chuck Barron were absent and excused.

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

Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Manistee Township Board Meeting were provided. Treasurer Connie Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee John Dontz. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2016. The receipts were \$20,479.24; expenditures were \$83,868.07, leaving a balance of \$130,345.88 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2016. Motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Guy Finout. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Manistee Township Planning Commission and Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board met Thursday, June 2, 2016 for the semi-annual joint meeting. Approved minutes were provided to the Board in their correspondence packet. Zoning Administrator Finout stated only 2 members of the Zoning Appeals Board attended the meeting. A special meeting for the Zoning Appeals Board was scheduled for July 5, 2016, minutes not available yet.

There being no public comment at this time, Supervisor Bjorkquist continued with the agenda.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available to give the County Commissioner report, however he did provide Supervisor Bjorkquist with a synopsis of County activity. Beaver Island school to close June 2017; MCRC is working on the influx of Japanese knot weed on Oak Grove Drive; there is a possible buyer for the Kaleva garage; County Board would like to address the regional summit in September regarding a possible road millage; the HVAC work at the Library should be done in September; Jennifer Berky provided the MSU office annual update. The following board appointments were made: Bob Rishel, Planning Commission; Roslin Jaffee, Library Board; Kim Ware, Planning Commission-Chair. The Brownfield Authority has expired on Manistee Inn, Manistee Iron Works, and the River Park Condo properties; and, the budget meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for July. There were requests for three (3) permits for fireworks, one (1) home addition, one (1) barn construction and one (1) solar array permit. There were zero (0) written complaints. The Planning Commission will be amending the sign and zoning ordinance to comply with the recent Supreme Court ruling on signs. Zoning Adm. Finout received a call to discuss a request to open a medical marijuana dispensary in the Township; currently, Michigan does not allow dispensaries in the state. The Planning Commission will be addressing medical marijuana licensing procedure protocol; the US31 Corridor Access Management Plan continues to be worked on; the City Water Agreement is still unresolved; and, the BLIB will meet on Monday, August 8, 2016.

Asst. Chief Tom Johnson presented the July report for the Manistee Township Fire Department: 4 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 18 medical runs, 5 fire runs. They had 190 personal hours, 63 hours for Chief and Officers, totaling 253 billable hours for personnel. Truck #132's pressure gauges are being replaced; all other apparatus are in good working order. The Fire Department received \$5,800.00 from the Revenue Sharing Board for helmets, nomex hoods and gloves; and, applied for FEMA Grant for approximately \$105,000.00, with a 5% match, for SCBA's. The Fire Department has one new Cadet and is currently recruiting new applicants. Brandon Shannon is leaving to join the Air Force; Asst. Fire Chief Johnson stated he will be missed. No information yet from MDOT on the installation of the flashing amber lights for US31 and Hill Rd intersection, and no information yet on the DNR 50/50 grant. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, reported no new activity for July.

Zoning Adm. Finout addressed the City Water Agreement in his report. Zoning Adm. Finout requested an update on the Cromer/McGuinness Drain project. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated that County Drain Commissioner Thom Smith has reserved the Township Hall on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. to award bids for Phase I. In addition, recent reports from the County indicate that the current cost of this project is now being reported at \$920,000.00, which is \$195,000.00 higher than the amount of \$725,000.00 reported to the residents affected by the assessment at the meeting held by the Drain Commissioner in May 2016.

Under new business, the Board received the Manistee Recreation Contract dated July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Kenn Kott, MRA Director, had approached the board previously to request approval of a one year contract for continued participation in the MRA programs. Last year the Board approved a contract of \$10,000.00. The contract benefits the Township residents by giving them a reduced rate on MRA activities. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the \$10,000.00 contract with the Manistee Recreation; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Finout reported on the County-Wide Multi-Use Trail Committee member appointment. With the approval of the County Wide Recreational Plan, the next step is to put together a committee to research routes for additional trails in the County. Linda

Finout has volunteered to be the Manistee Township representative for the trails committee. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to appoint Linda Finout as Manistee Township's representative for the County-Wide Multi-Use Trail; Clerk Dianne Taylor seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The current bills for July totaling \$113,075.56 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills as presented and received for the month of July; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist addressed the garbage/recycling bill in the amount of \$9,865.00, which is higher than normal because of continued abuse of the leaf dumpster and mixed glass, metal, plastic recycling containers located at the Fire Department. The Supervisor is requesting that if anyone sees a person(s) dumping trash or non-acceptable items at the recycling containers, to please contact the Township to report it.

Manistee County MTA Meeting - Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 7:00PM at Springdale Township Hall, 14492 Glovers Lake Road, Bear Lake, MI

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday August 2, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee Twp Planning Commission Meeting - Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

Bar Lake Improvement Board - Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

There being no further business or public comments, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk