

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday November 10, 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 Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse and Keith Brown with PEG. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent.

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

Minutes of the October 13, 2016 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2016. The receipts were \$300,841.54; expenditures were \$309,511.21, leaving a balance of \$73,742.76 in the General Fund as of October 30, 2016. 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 1, 2016 and October 6, 2016. Approved minutes were provided to the board in their packet.

Proposed minutes from the August 30, 2016 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board Meeting were available to the Board, however, the Board consensus was to wait until said minutes were approved.

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 provided a brief synopsis of the county activities for Supervisor Bjorkquist to report on. The sale of the Kaleva garage is moving forward; six ½ acres of land behind West Shore Medical Center has been deeded/sold to Munson; the proceeds from the land and timber sale will go into the MERS retirement fund; two retirement programs at the Manistee County Medical Care will be merged into one; Manistee and Benzie County medical examiner's office will be merged into one; Dr. Paul Anhalt, Joel Meister and John Hoak have been named to the West Shore Medical Center Board of Directors; twenty-two parcels that were up for tax sale have been sold generating revenue of \$174,300.00.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for October. There were three (3) receipts; a new AG building, an accessory building at a residence, and work on the Fire Department training area. No complaints were made.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported that in October 2016 there were 5 meetings and/or training sessions, 24 medical runs, and 9 fire runs. Total complaint hours were 46.5 and total runs/activity hours were 38. All apparatus are in good working order. Items the Fire Department ordered with revenue sharing grant funds have been received. The Fire Department is anticipating a response in mid-December the DNR 50/50 grant application. Electrical updates and new light bulbs repaired the parking lot lights at the township hall. Thank you to Tom Johnson, Paul Masty, and Jim Edmondson.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting December 12, 2016 for Cycle 2-2016 awarding of grants.

Under unfinished business, the Township has expressed their disappointment in the MCRC on the roadwork completed on Olson Road. MCRC will re-evaluate Olson Road in the spring and make necessary repairs at that time. Milarch Road is now open. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to add the MTA Annual Conference to the 2017 Board Calendar for April 10-14, 2017 and to change the Township Board meeting from Thursday, April 13, 2017 to Thursday, April 20, 2017; seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of the BLIB changing their meeting date also; their meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017. In addition, it was the consensus of the Board to close the township offices on Monday, December 26, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017.

Under new business, an informational meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to provide residents, especially those along the US 31 corridor, on when and where a resident is affected by the new Sewer Use Ordinance. The meeting will be open to the public.

Clerk Taylor made the motion to re-appoint John Dontz to the Planning Commission as the Board's representative for the next four (4) years; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. Jankwietz, Taylor, Bjorkquist, and Dontz voted in favor; Finout abstained. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board members regarding participation in the Regional Resource Recovery Project. This is a five (5) phase project involving approximately 12-16 months of participation by a Township representative, to be named at a later date. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to adopt the provided Resolution to participate in the Regional Resource Recovery Project, pending naming a township representative. Trustee Finout seconded the motion. Supervisor Bjorkquist requested Clerk Taylor read the provided Resolution to the Board and public. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Resolution 2016-06

A Resolution to participate in the Regional Resource Recovery Project

WHEREAS, a sustainable resource recovery/recycling program is important to the quality of life and economic well-being of our governmental jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, a sustainable resource recovery/recycling program benefits from having a sufficient critical mass of recycled wastes in order for the program to be economically viable; and,

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Economic Success (AES) that manages economic and community development in Manistee and Benzie Counties, has received a grant from the USDA Rural Development to identify and develop a sustainable resource recovery program; and,

WHEREAS, the AES and the consulting project director, Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, is seeking collaboration in the project from neighboring governmental units; and,

WHEREAS, the results and findings of the project will be driven by representatives from the governmental units that participate in the project and there are no preconceptions about what the location or nature of what those results or findings may include; and,

WHEREAS, we have not been asked to provide funding to participate in the project and our commitment will involve dedication of staff to support the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manistee Township voluntarily participates in the Regional Resource Recovery Project with the understanding that we can withdraw from the project at any time.

Jankwietz made the motion to approve the resolution; Finout seconded. The motion passed unanimously by Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Finout and Bjorkquist.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion approved.

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of Manistee Township do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board held on November 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall in the Township of Manistee, Manistee County, Michigan, and a true and correct copy is included in the November 11, 2016 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

Date

Prior to Clerk Taylor giving the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election Report, Supervisor Bjorkquist took the opportunity to express his thanks to Dianne, Judy and Karen for all of their many hours of hard work to run a well-organized general election without a hitch while serving a steady stream of voters all day. Clerk Taylor reported there are 2,615 registered voters in the township. There were 559 Absentee Voter Ballots issued, of which 543 were returned, thereby generating an all-time high rate of return of 97% for the Absent Voter ballots. In the precinct, 1,134 residents voted, which when combined with the Absent Voters, meant that 64% of Manistee Township's registered voters exercised their right to vote in the election. Clerk Taylor stated the election was very busy, lines were often long, and yet, the election workers worked tirelessly to keep the voters moving steadily thru the voting process. Clerk Taylor thanked all of the election workers for doing a terrific job on the election.

Treasurer Jankwietz stated she had forwarded the proposed minutes from the October 17, 2016 BLIB meeting to the county treasurer's office indicating the approval of lowering the Bar Lake assessment from \$250.00 to \$200.00. Trustee Finout also stated the BLIB had approved payment of the loan borrowed from the township, pending confirmation of the amount of the loan. Treasurer Jankwietz stated the amount due to the township is \$2,500.00, which will be disbursed by the County Treasurer with the approval of the BLIB.

The current bills for November totaling \$96,147.07 have been provided. Motion to pay the bills for November as received was made by Trustee Dontz; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee Township Planning Commission Meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Brown Township Hall, 8233 Coates Highway, Manistee, MI.

Bar Lake Improvement Board will be **Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.**

Next regular meeting of the Manistee **Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** 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 Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk