

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday December 8, 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, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Revolt 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 November 10, 2016 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz 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 November 2016. The receipts were \$3,226.09; expenditures were \$71,777.90, leaving a balance of \$49,135.41 in the General Fund as of November 30, 2016. A motion was made by Clerk Taylor to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Approved minutes for November 3, 2016 Manistee Township Planning Commission and August 30, 2016 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals meetings were available for the board in their packet. Minutes were placed on file.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz addressed the board with some of the activities on the county level. County Planner Rob Carson and Tamara Buswinka, AES, were the recipients of an award given by the State in recognition of their work on the County wide Recreational Plan. The Sheriff's Dept received a grant from the County's insurance carrier for security cameras to be installed at the Dept. The JAWS truck has been sold for \$65,000.00; 10% of the proceeds will go to the vendor as a sale commission; the remainder will be distributed to purchase heavy lifting equipment and personal protection equipment. There will be an organizational meeting held at the courthouse on January 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. Monies from grants through the Housing department will be used for improvements to low income housing. The County has joined the Regional Resource Recovery Project. Interest from the Council on Aging for the Oleson's property is continuing. Commissioner Dontz requested the information regarding the BLIB meeting schedule be updated since the meetings are not held on a regular basis. The sale is progressing on the MCRC Kaleva garage. Ken Falk has accepted the position of Undersheriff; the emergency management position will be advertised after the first of the year.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for November. There were a total of 3 receipts. No complaints were made. The Zoning Board of Appeals met December 1, 2016; the Chairman announced he will be stepping

down. The election of officers is tabled until a full board can convene and/or a volunteer is chosen. Applications to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals are available on the Township website or at the hall. The Planning Commission is continuing work on the Sign Amendment. Election of officers and review of the Master Plan will be handled at the January 5, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission. Zoning Administrator Finout reported AES is interested in privatizing the office of Building Inspections which would facilitate better communication, faster service and better control over county and township issues. Discussion ensued among the board members.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented numbers for November 2016 for the Manistee Township Fire Dept., 6 meetings and/or training sessions were held; 26 medical runs, 5 fire runs. Overall all apparatus are in good working order with #131 still running rough. The Conexes for the training area should be set on the pilings soon. The Fire Dept received the 50/50 grant through DNR for purchase of wild land gear. Communications systems will be received this month from 911 which is a huge benefit. The Airport Mass Casualty Training session will be held on May 19 - 20, 2017. Chief Barron personally thanked Dan Revolt for his many years of service at the Fire Department and acknowledged Dan as a pillar in the Fire Department. Burn permits are available, please call 231-690-5329. Chief Barron reminded everyone it is Christmas tree safety time, please water your tree. Supervisor Bjorkquist also thanked Dan Revolt for his 30+ years of service to the Fire Dept.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there are no significant changes for November.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing board will meet on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. to award grants for 2016 Cycle 2.

Supervisor Bjorkquist reminded everyone there will be a Sewer Use Ordinance meeting on December 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M at the Township Hall. Letters were sent to residents with property within 200 feet of the sewer line to invite them to this meeting. Representatives from various agencies will be available to answer questions from residents. The time period residents may connect to the sewer system with a tap fee waiver will be provided at the meeting.

The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017 will be moved to Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Township is obligated to pay 25% of the total bill for the McGuiness Drain according to the Drain Commissioner. Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Board with preliminary amounts for the tax bill and asked the Board how they wished to proceed. A lengthy discussion followed regarding if a final total for the drain project has been provided; if the tax bill can be paid in full; interest charges; and, the deadline for payment. The Board decided to table a decision on payment until additional information could be obtained from the Drain Commissioner. The Township

offices, especially the Treasurer's office, is receiving numerous phone calls from residents with questions on the McGuinness Drain assessment on their tax bill.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked the Board to entertain a motion to reappoint all 4 members to the Board of Review for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017. Treasurer Jankwietz requested each member be addressed individually. Trustee Dontz made the motion to reappoint Dan Revolt to the Board of Review for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Trustee Dontz made the motion to reappoint Tom Johnson to the Board of Review for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Trustee Dontz made the motion to reappoint Paul Revolt to the Board of Review for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Trustee Dontz made the motion to reappoint Todd Mallison to the Board of Review as an alternate, for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2017; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried. The Board of Review will meet Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7 P.M. for errors and omissions.

The bills for December totaling \$38,988.59 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for December as received; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

If there is an appeal, the **Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

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

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Bjorkquist reminded everyone of the Sewer Use Ordinance meeting on December 15, 2016 at 7:00p.m. Also please be patient and careful on the roads due to the winter conditions.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Dontz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk