

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 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, Dan Revolt and Keith Brown, PEG. Fire Chief Chuck Barron was absent and excused.

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

Minutes of the January 12, 2017 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 2017. The receipts were \$63,787.91 expenditures were \$46,258.62, leaving a balance of \$86,016.92 in the General Fund as of January 31, 2017. 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 approved minutes for the December 2016 and January 2017 meeting were in the board packets.

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

Miscellaneous correspondence was included in the Board's packet to be addressed later on the agenda.

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 reported on county activities for the month of January. County Treasurer Russ Pomeroy is interested in starting a land bank for work on closed blighted properties; there will be at least two (2) public meetings to be held at a future date. After the 2016 audit was completed the County had a surplus of \$235,000.00, which allows the County to pay their portion of the McGuiness Drain Assessment in full. The County was assessed approximately \$185,000.00 which is 25% of the completed drain cost. Brian Gutowski was named as the new Emergency Management Coordinator. The County Commissioners signed the annual contract for Dial-A-Ride. The State of Michigan passed a law to maintain a 45mph speed limit in all hospital zones. The County Commissioners have requested, in writing, for the 45mph speed limit to be enforced from M-55 to M-22. Arcadia, Onkama and Bear Lake areas are moving forward on a sewer project. AES will be holding their annual strategic plan meeting. The Tribe will be opening their Child Development facility soon. Filer Township will be requesting bids for a sewer line. The City of Manistee recently received the Redevelopment Ready award. Web security has been increased on the County's computer system after a recent hack attempt.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for January. A complaint regarding the lighting at Wesco is on-going; another work order has been sent to corporate to hire a contractor to adjust the lights. The Planning Commission approved a

substitution of use permit. There was one (1) land use permit issued for erection of a sign at the dermatology office. Zoning Administrator Finout distributed a graph of land use permit history to the Board. AES sent out a request for a proposal to privatize the various construction inspectors (building, plumbing, electrical) for the County. The Planning Commission voted to support the proposal and is asking the Board for their support to pursue it. The discussion that followed resulted in the Board expressing their support. The Sign Amendment was sent to the township attorney for legal review. Barry Lind, Director for Manistee Blacker Airport, expressed the need to add the overlay zone for the airport back into the zoning ordinance.

Fire Chief Barron was not available to give a report on the Fire Department for January.

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

County Commissioner Dontz distributed a report from the Prison Liaison Meeting. The leader dog program has been successful; one unit has been changed to segregation; and, the Warden, Sheriff O'Hagan and Brian Gutowski, Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator, will be meeting at a later date.

Revenue Sharing Board organizational meeting will be Monday February 13, 2016; Cycle 1 application deadline is March 3, 2017; and, the Cycle 1 presentations will be on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Board of Review organizational meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017; and appeals will be heard on March 13 and 14, 2017.

Ken Hilliard, County Drain Commissioner, provided the Township with an invoice the amounts due on the McGuiness Drain Assessment. Manistee Township is responsible for 25% of the cost which totals \$181,250.00. A savings of \$25,000.00 would be incurred if the invoice is paid in full by February 14, 2017. Trustee Finout made the motion to pay the invoice for \$181,250.00 in full for the McGuiness Drain Assessment, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried. Treasurer Jankwietz then made a motion to amend the 2016/2017 operating budget to increase the Operating Revenue and the Capital Outlay expense in the amount \$181,250.00 by transferring \$181,250.00 from savings into checking to facilitate paying the McGuiness Drain Assessment invoice in full; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Board received a copy of the 2016/2017 audit report. Supervisor Bjorkquist informed the Board the audit firm was very satisfied with how the Township operates internally.

United Veterans Council is requesting funding for flags to be placed on veteran grave sites for Memorial Day. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to donate \$500.00 to the United Veterans Council for the purchase of flags, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

The Conservation District has requested the Townships' participation in the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup scheduled for August 19, 2017. The invoice of \$1,325.00 reflects a cost increase of 5 cents per resident. Discussion followed. Trustee Finout made the motion to contribute \$1,325.00 for the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

The bills totaling \$48,836.18 have been provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to pay the bills for February as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Board of Review – Organizational meeting Only- Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Manistee Township Hall (in the Board Room), 410 Holden Street.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Board of Review – Appeals – Monday, March 13, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 9:00 to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet **Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden St. *This meeting was originally scheduled for April 10, 2017.*

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if there was any public comment. There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Clerk Taylor, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk