

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Clerk Dianne Taylor and Trustee Guy Finout. Trustee John Dontz was absent and excused. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Revolt, Dan and Mary Lou Ursum, and Keith Brown with PEG. Bob and Eleanor DeYoung arrived at 7:03 p.m.

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

Minutes of the February 9, 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 February 2017. The receipts were \$109,933.59; expenditures were \$48,552.42, leaving a balance of \$147,398.09 in the General Fund as of February 28, 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 February 2, 2017 meeting were in the board packets; no discussion followed.

There was no correspondence in the Board's packet to discuss.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring before the board. Mr. Dan Ursum addressed the Board regarding Bar Lake assessments, the elimination of invasive species and Eurasian Milfoil, and the potential dissolution of the Bar Lake Improvement Board. Supervisor Bjorkquist informed Mr. Ursum these issues should be addressed at the Bar Lake Improvement Board meeting to be held on April 17, 2017. The Township Representative could suggest dissolution of the BLIB at that time.

There being no further public comment at this time, Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist continued the meeting stating County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was called out of town on extenuating circumstances and would not be available.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for February. There were two (2) written complaints from neighbors on Birch Rd.; one for a sign violation and one for junk violation. The complaint regarding the lighting issue at Wesco is ongoing. An additional work order has been created to adjust the beam. There were two (2) receipts; one for a building renovation on Lakeshore Road (old Happy Chappy's) which will result in a zoning use change from commercial to multi-family residential, and two, a permit for signs to resolve the violation on Birch Road. At the Planning Commission meeting held on March 2, 2017, the Commission voted to approve the Planning Commission By-laws as written and pursue the development of an updated Master Plan. The Commission is requesting that the Township Board budget for this project in the next fiscal year. The Sign Amendment has been reviewed by the Township attorneys and is being forwarded to the Commission for review. The work on the Airport overlay zoning ordinance is ongoing as well as research on creating a multi-district jurisdiction for building inspectors.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activities at the Fire Dept. for the month of February. There were a total of 18 calls; 3 fire, 11 medical, and 4 station meetings/training. The station is in good working order with the except for the siren which is not working properly. The DOT

inspections are scheduled next week and the mass casualty training held at the Airport is planned for completion in May. Assistant Fire Chief Tom Johnson and Lieutenant Joe Wells recently completed the inspections at Little River Casino and Resort. The Fire Department personnel count is down; however, the officers are researching ways to recruit new members. . A lengthy discussion ensued regarding burn permits, where to access burn permits via the web and whom to call. The number to call for Burn Permits is 231-690-5329.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Board will meet on April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to hear verbal presentations for 2017 Cycle 1 grants.

The Board reviewed the 2017 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to accept the 2017 Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test as presented; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to advise all residents the Recycling area continues to be misused and is costing the Township extra money to remove unauthorized trash and items. The Township is currently researching other avenues to resolve the issue; one possibility is to remove the recycle bins permanently.

The bills totaling \$193,000.07 were provided. Trustee Finout made the motion to approve the bills for March as they are received. Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Board of Review – Appeals – Monday, March 13, 2017 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Tuesday March 14, 2017 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall. Any questions regarding the McGuiness Drain Assessments need to be directed to the County Drain Commissioner.**

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

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals – Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Manistee Township Planning Commission – Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Bar Lake Improvement Board – Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017 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 Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Finout to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk