

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 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, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, and Keith Brown, PEG.

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

Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Manistee Township Board 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 March 2017. The receipts were \$99,512.70; expenditures were \$192,258.34, leaving a balance of \$54,652.45 in the General Fund as of March 31, 2017. A 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 ~ Minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting were provided and placed on file with no discussion.

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

There being no public comment at this time, Supervisor Bjorkquist moved on to reports.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on activities within the County. Cameras will be installed inside and outside at the County Courthouse building. Audio and video recording is also available now in the courts, for recording purposes only. Lois Goslinoski, DO has been named Regional Medical Examiner serving Benzie and Manistee County. The remaining \$58,000 from the sale of the JAWS truck will be used for heavy lift equipment through Manistee County Firefighters Association. Contract with the US Forest Service has been approved allowing workers with the US Forest Service to assist the Sheriff's Department in patrolling the county. Manistee County 911 disbursed \$110,000.00 worth of equipment to numerous fire departments. Indigent Defense, the court system supplying representation to individuals who cannot afford an attorney, has been signed into law. There are funding concerns for AES since the contract will expire soon. Currently, the funding split is 1/3 paid by the County and 2/3 paid by the City. A lengthy discussion ensued among County Commissioner Dontz and the Board members regarding County zoning versus Township zoning.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for March. There were no new written complaints and one (1) receipt for the change of signs from West Shore Medical Center to Munson Healthcare. The previous complaint regarding the Wesco lighting shining off-grounds is on-going as the wrong light has been adjusted. Zoning Administrator Finout is pursuing information on State Construction Codes. The Sign Amendment has been distributed to the Planning Commission members and approval is tabled until Michigan Township Association's model sign amendment can be reviewed. Zoning Administrator Finout will be meeting with County Planner Rob Carson next week to review the US 31 Corridor Access Management Plan. The Planning Commission is requesting the

Township Board to budget money in the 2017-2018 budget for the creation of a new Master Plan.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on activities for the Fire Department for March. There were a total of 25 calls; 4 fire, 17 medical, and 4 station meetings/training. Jim Edmondson is taking care of the repairs on the fire siren. DOT inspection is complete with the exception of the ladder truck due to air leaks. #132 fuel pump has been replaced; #137 pump motor has been replaced and #131 pump is leaking. Recruitment campaign on Facebook is ongoing with good feedback. Mass casualty and simulation training is scheduled for May 19 and 20 at the airport. Fire Chief Barron is meeting with Brian Gutowski, the new Emergency Management Coordinator, on April 21. LRBOI will be performing maintenance on their water tower beginning May 15 which may affect the airport training. Burn permit information is available on the DNR website or by calling (231) 690-5329.

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

The Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting on June 12 at 5:00PM to award grants.

There being no new business to attend to, Supervisor Bjorkquist reminded board members their reservations for the MTA meeting on May 24, 2017 at the Methodist Church in Bear Lake need to be turned in.

Lastly, Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to inform all residents he personally removed 2 ½ yards of household trash from the Recycling bins and was able to collect the names of the individuals who dumped the trash. If the misuse continues, the Township may need to remove the bins permanently.

The bills totaling \$40,774.86 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve payment of the bills for April as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting will be Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Cleon Township Hall, 16606 Imhoff Drive, Copemish, MI**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Election for Onekama School Proposals – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 7:00AM to 8:00PM – Manistee Township Hall.**

**Manistee Township Planning Commission Meeting – Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Bar Lake Improvement Board – Monday, June 5, 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 **May 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Zoning Administrator Finout reported to the Board it is too cold yet to complete the annual survey on Bar Lake and the BLIB approved the continuation of BLIB member Ganss position until the next meeting.

A reminder to Manistee Township residents that the annual Trash Day will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Fire Department.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Clerk Taylor, seconded by Trustee Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk