

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday July 13, 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, Asst. Chief Tom Johnson, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Jach and Keith Brown with PEG. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent and excused.

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

Minutes of the June 8, 2017 Manistee Township Board Meeting and minutes of the June 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting were provided. Trustee Finout requested the following statement from the June 8, 2017 Township Board Meeting be corrected to read as follows: *The Zoning Administrator will also be investigating a business on ~~Pine Creek Road~~ M55 that appears to be in violation of sign and zoning ordinances.* Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected and the June 19, 2017 Special Meeting minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2017. The receipts were \$60,829.92; expenditures were \$203,934.23, leaving a balance of \$74,857.80 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2017. Motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Accepted minutes of the May 4, 2017 and June 1, 2017 Manistee Township Planning Commission meetings were provided to the Board for review. No comments made.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 29, 2017 to hear an appeal; no accepted minutes available yet.

Under public comment, Resident Dan Jach asked to address the Board regarding the timeframe for the Public Access sign post to be reinstalled. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he was at the location today and the area is overgrown making it difficult to evaluate. Mr. Jach requested the Board have the 25mph speed limit sign on Piney Rd. moved out of the overgrown brush because drivers are not abiding by the speed limit. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he will contact the Manistee County Road Commission regarding this matter.

There being no further public comment at this time, Supervisor Bjorkquist continued with the agenda.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available to give the County Commissioner report due to a previous commitment and did not provide a synopsis.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for June. The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 29, 2017 and approved an appeal to allow the property owners on the corner on Fowler and Jerumbo to construct a new home on the current footprint of the old residence. The Planning Commission members are still discussing the US31 Access Management Plan and the Sign Ordinance. Site plans for the construction of Auto Zone on the corner of US31 and M55 were distributed to the Commission for review. Representatives from Auto Zone are expected at the August 3, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. There were six (6) receipts for fences, an accessory building, sign on M55, Zoning Board of Appeals request

for an appeal and several fireworks tents. There were four (4) complaints regarding junk. Progress is being made on having local enforcement of construction codes available within the Township. When the documents are completed, the Township Board will need to vote to enter into a contract with AGS, pass an ordinance to enforce construction codes, appoint three (3) volunteers to the Construction Code Board, and submit all necessary documents to the State for approval. The first proposal from the City of Manistee for sewer services within the Township was received. Manistee County Trail Implementation and Recreation Authority Fact Sheet was provided to the Board members for review from the Planning Commission.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented numbers for June 2017 for the Manistee Township Fire Department. There were a total of 26 activities; 9 fire related, 10 medical related and 7 station meetings or training. The Fire Department was represented in the 4th of July parade and in Cadillac for the service of a fallen firefighter. Repair is needed on the concrete approach to the building. New fire hose and SCBA's have been delivered with the old SCBA's having a resale value. Maintenance on several of the trucks was completed. Personnel numbers may be rising, with several new applicants. Fire Chief Barron had a meet and greet with the new City Fire Chief. The transition from West Shore Medical Center to Munson Healthcare has been smooth for the fire department.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, reported there is no new activity.

Under new business, the Board received the Manistee Recreation Contract proposal last month and was tabled due to Trustee Dontz inquiring if the MRA had received a donation from the Manistee County Community Foundation. MRA Director Kenn Kott stated no donation was received. The contract benefits the Township residents by giving them a reduced rate on MRA activities. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the MRA contract for one year in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid quarterly; Trustee Dontz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Trustee Dontz made the motion to renew the MTA Principles of Governance, Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding a proposed speed study for Parkdale Avenue from M55 to the Hospital Zone; the survey completed on June 26, 2017 by MDOT; a sample resolution provided by MDOT; and, the Township Board being the only entity that can request the study at no cost to the Township. Trustee Finout made the motion to adopt the resolution to have a speed study done from M55 to Hospital Zone, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Resolution 2017-05

Resolution to Request Traffic Speed Study

WHEREAS, the traffic on Parkdale Avenue (US 31) from M55 to the Munson Hospital Zone has steadily increased over the past years due to the development and growth of the Township of Manistee, and

WHEREAS, this development has increased the number of access points to the state trunkline resulting in an increase in traffic congestion and the volume of turning traffic along the corridor, and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult for residents to negotiate left-hand turns, or move into and out of the flow of traffic safely due to the increased volume of traffic,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Manistee Township Board is formally requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) conduct a speed study on Parkdale Avenue (US 31) from M55 to the Munson Hospital Zone. It is understood MDOT in cooperation with the Michigan State Police (MSP) will use engineering data gathered in the speed study to make a decision which could raise, lower, or maintain the current speed limit. It is further understood the Township of Manistee will abide by the decision made by MDOT and MSP as a result of this speed study.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Finout, seconded by board member Jankwietz.

Upon vote, the following voted aye: Finout, Jankwietz, Dontz, Taylor, and Bjorkquist.

The following voted nay: None.

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the 13th day of July, 2017.

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly appointed Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the July 13, 2017 Manistee Township Board minutes.

Dianne Taylor

Manistee Township Clerk

The current bills totaling \$93,490.30 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills as presented and received for the month of July; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Board of Review – Errors and Omission – will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee County MTA Meeting - Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 7:00PM at Filer Township Hall, 2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday August 1, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall if an appeal is to be heard.

Manistee Twp Planning Commission Meeting - Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

Bar Lake Improvement Board - Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to inform Township residents utilities marking has begun on Kott Rd with road construction to begin on August 1, 2017 and be completed by September 22, 2017.

There being no further business or public comments, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk