

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday September 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz and Trustee John Dontz. Trustee Guy Finout was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Tom Johnson, Dan Revolt, Larry Krusniak, David Povilus and Sam Kosciński. Dan Jach arrived at 7:17p.m.

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

Minutes of the August 10, 2017 Manistee Township Board Meeting and the August 31, 2017 Special Board meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve the August 10, 2017 and the August 31, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Connie Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2017. The receipts were \$7,235.99; expenditures were \$45,027.72 leaving a balance of \$12,819.84 in the General Fund as of August 31, 2017. Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission met September 7, 2017. Approved minutes were not available yet.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the Board. Treasurer Jankwietz stated the completed road construction on Kott/Suida roads turned out well. Township resident David Povilus expressed his concern regarding the removal of the recycling containers and leaf dumpster service. A discussion occurred regarding the misuse of the containers, the cost of the services being paid by the Township general fund, and the process of notification to the township residents of the discontinued service. Residents may take their recyclables to Republic Services, located at 3890 Camp Rd, Manistee, at no charge.

There being no further public comment, the Board moved on to Reports.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not present to report on activities for the County.

Supervisor Bjorkquist presented activities for the Zoning office, per Zoning Administrator Finout's request. There was one (1) new complaint on short term rentals. Six (6) applications for permits were received. The application for Local Enforcement of the Building Construction Code under PA 230 has been submitted to the State; however,

more information is being requested by the State prior to the October 11, 2017 meeting date.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activities at the Fire Department. There were 8 meetings and/or training sessions, 22 medical runs, and 6 fire runs. Pump and Ladder testing was conducted on the trucks, with 131 experiencing some issues. All other apparatus are in good working order as well as the Station House with some minor housekeeping issues to be addressed. The County wide training facility is almost completed with Supervisor Bjorkquist requesting locks be installed on the containers for safety purposes. The Fire Department will be participating in a county-wide Revenue Sharing Grant Application for new boots for each fire department. Approval for two new probationary firefighters was requested. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to accept Chris Peplinski and Nick Berentsen as Probationary Firefighters for the Manistee Township Fire Department; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All in favor; motion carried. The department will celebrate Fire Prevention Day with an open house on October 15, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the station with games, refreshments and family activities. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to all of the volunteer firefighters plus the recruitment of the current probationary officers.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated no significant changes for August.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the next meeting for the Revenue Sharing Board will be October 9, 2017 at 5 p.m. to hear verbal presentations. The Kott/Suida Rd project has been completed.

The bills totaling \$34,181.48 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the bills for September as they are presented and received; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Maple Grove Township Hall, 9123 Aura Street, Kaleva, MI.**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Manistee Twp Planning Commission will meet Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Bar Lake Improvement Board will meet Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden St.**

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

In public comment, Dan Jach thanked the Board for following up on his request to have additional 25mph signage installed on Piney Rd. The Public Access sign post has yet to be reinstalled; with Supervisor Bjorkquist stating he has cleared the area in question and is awaiting response from MCRC for a timeframe. A discussion occurred on the issue of short term rentals within the Township resulting in Trustee Dontz, on behalf of the Planning Commission, stating the Planning Commission has opted to not act on this issue at this time. The issues in question are more of a legal issue which can be handled by local authorities.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk