

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday December 14, 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 County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Revolt, Charlie Ganss, Keith Brown with PEG, Sam Koscinski, Manistee Pickle Ball Group, and many Bar Lake residents. Fire Chief Chuck Barron was absent.

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

Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Manistee Township Board meeting and the November 9, 2017 Special Board meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2017. The receipts were \$50,282.36; expenditures were \$53,936.50, leaving a balance of \$12,373.85 in the General Fund as of November 30, 2017. A motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Manistee Township Planning Commission met on December 7, 2017; accepted minutes were not available yet.

Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled to meet on December 4, 2017 for an organizational meeting; however, there were not enough members in attendance to hold a meeting.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the Board. Peggy Acton, with Manistee Pickle Ball Group, addressed the board requesting that, if and when, the Township tennis courts are resurfaced, that they are redeveloped into pickle ball courts where tennis can still be played. This activity is gaining in popularity. A discussion ensued with Supervisor Bjorkquist stating the Township is working in the direction of redoing the courts in the future.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz addressed the board with some of the activities on the county level. Jim Stringham, Manistee County Veterans Counselor, resigned his position effective November 3, 2017. Karen Korolenko was appointed to fill the vacancy. The dilapidated building in downtown Bear Lake, scheduled to be torn down the last week in November, should be completely down soon. The estimated cost is \$57,500.00.

The 2017 delinquent taxes collected was approximately \$155,000.00. The County has approved continuing to fund AES for another year. BLIB Treasurer Ganss was available to present the Board with a \$2,500.00 check to repay the initial loan from the

Township. Bar Lake Improvement Board met on December 11, 2017 where the members voted 3 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain to recommend to the Manistee Township Board that the Township Board take over responsibility of Bar Lake, dissolve BLIB and/or form a committee. A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board Members, County Commissioner Dontz, and residents of Bar Lake. The Township Board will discuss this matter further after the recommendation from Bar Lake Improvement Board has been put in writing and submitted to the Board.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for November. There were zero (0) complaints received and zero (0) land use permits issued for the month of November. A special land use permit was issued in early December for the potential construction of a solar farm. The Planning Commission is currently working on amendments to ordinances in place to allow the construction of a solar farm within the Township. Since taking over issuing building permits at the Township offices, one (1) permit has been issued and things progressed very well. The goal for approval of residential permits is 3-5 days while commercial permits is 5-10 days. The forms are currently available at the Township hall and will be soon on the Township website. The Planning Commission voted to not recommend a short term rental ordinance to the Township Board for approval.

Firefighter Sam Kosciński, on behalf of Fire Chief Barron, gave the November report for the Manistee Township Fire Department; four (4) meetings and/or training sessions were held; seven (7) medical runs; six (6) fire runs. Firefighter Paul Masty is very ill and the Department is asking for prayers. Overall, all apparatus are in good working order, although, #131 is still running rough. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to all firefighters.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there are no significant changes for November.

Chairman Jack Dinsen submitted a letter of resignation as a member and Chair on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Finout made the motion to accept Dinsen's letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried. A sincere thank you to Jack Dinsen for his 20 years of service to the Township. Zoning Board of Appeals was not able to hold an organizational meeting as scheduled. As a result, Zoning Administrator Finout will contact the Township Attorney to discuss reducing the ZBA Board from a five (5) to three (3) member board with one (1) or two (2) alternates.

An updated 2018 monthly calendar was presented to the Board. All members concurred the 2018 monthly calendar could be published as presented.

The Planning Commission has chosen to opt out of adopting an ordinance authorizing any of the five (5) types of medical marijuana facilities within the Township and has recommended the Township Board adopt a resolution regarding medical marijuana facilities. Trustee Dontz made the motion, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz, to adopt

Resolution 2017-09 opting out of adopting an ordinance authorizing any of the five (5) types of medical marijuana facilities within the Township. The motion passed in a roll call vote. Yeas: Finout, Dontz, Jankwietz, Taylor, Bjorkquist. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion declared passed.

TOWNSHIP OF MANISTEE

MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES

AUTHORIZED BY PA 281 OF 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09

WHEREAS, Public Act 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27101 et seq.) authorizes the State of Michigan to license five different types of facilities related to medical marijuana (grower, processor, secure transporter, provisioning center, and safety compliance facility); and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27205) provides that “[a] marijuana facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that authorizes that type of facility”; and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 further provides that “[a] municipality may adopt other ordinances relating to marijuana facilities within its jurisdiction, including zoning regulations...” and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 requires a municipality to respond to the State of Michigan, Medical Marijuana Licensing Board, within 90 days after the municipality receives notification from the applicant that a license for one of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016 has been applied for; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Manistee Township, Manistee County, Michigan is cognizant of its authority to adopt an ordinance or ordinances to authorize the operation of one or more of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016 but desires to not do so.

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. Manistee Township, situated in Manistee County, Michigan, declines to adopt an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marijuana facilities within the Township authorized by PA 281 of 2016; and
2. As a result of the Township's declination to adopt an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016, a **"medical marijuana facility shall not operate in the Township"**; and
3. The Township Clerk and/or the Township Zoning Administrator is authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the State of Michigan, Medical Marijuana Licensing Board in response to a request to locate a medical marijuana facility authorized by PA 281 of 2016 within the Township or for any other reason authorized by or in response to a request from State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or its successor agency or the Medical Marijuana Licensing Board: and
4. The Township Clerk and/or the Township Zoning Administrator is authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to any applicant requesting the ability to locate a medical marijuana grower, processor, secure transporter, provisioning center or safety compliance facility in the Township as evidence that the same shall not be allowed in the Township: and
5. All resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed; and
6. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the Township Board.

This RESOLUTION was offered by Board member Trustee Dontz, supported by Board member Treasurer Jankwietz, at a meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2017. The members of the Township Board voted as follows: YEAS: Trustee Finout, Trustee Dontz, Treasurer Jankwietz, Clerk Taylor and Supervisor Bjorkquist. NAYS: (0); Motion Carried

The TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR declared the RESOLUTION duly adopted.

Dianne Taylor, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board held on Thursday, December 14, 2017; that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of the resolution; and that the minutes of the meeting will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Dianne Taylor, Clerk
Township of Manistee

The bills for December totaling \$31,365.50 were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for December as presented and received; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting – No meetings until after February 2018.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall** for an organizational meeting.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – **Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holidays and thanks to the group of individuals whom are maintaining the township property on the corner of M55 and US31. There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk