

## Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, June 09, 2022 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 Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Fire Captain Joe Cerka, Duane Anderson, Dyllan Walker, Mike Szokola, Renee Mallison, Yarrow Brown, Barry Lind with PEG, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz. Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse was absent.

Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 12, 2022 Manistee Township Regular Board Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was provided. The receipts were \$147,033.71; expenditures were \$41,379.53, leaving a balance of \$105,654.18 in the General Fund as of May 31, 2022. The report was placed on file.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz spoke about correction officer's week, police officer week, and Deputy Gillespie's lifesaving award. Received approval to sign off on the summer tax rolls L-4929, Pat Bentley will be doing the survey on 10 corners this year (this is ongoing). Gary Schwaiger gave his annual report for the drain commission; there are 3 abandoned and the next one he's looking at is Mudd Lake in Norman Township. Most of the drains were put in place in the 1900's and have not been maintained. Updated the soil erosion summit control ordinance. Also changed the soil erosion fee and updated it for the permits. The Veterans – Eric Sullivan has stepped down from his position as the primary veteran counselor. Tony Covel may be stepping into that position. Regional Summit is September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wagoner Center. Passed Resolution 2022-07 for Mental health awareness month. Jill Novak, County Clerk, has retired and Register of Deeds, Marilyn Wrzesinski, has also retired. Signed a contract with Fishbeck for an environmental impact study, and invasive species in Bar Lake may need to be looked at again.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning office for May. There were no new written complaints. The two (2) earlier junk and blight complaints are working on clean up. There were eight (8) land use permits issued and thirteen (13) requests for construction permits. The Land Use Application and Site Plan for the Manistee County Medical Care Facility 17,300 sq.ft. addition has been approved.

Fire Captain Joe Cerka reported nine (9) fire runs, ten (10) medical runs and three (3) training/meeting sessions. Apparatus is in good working order. Looking to replace the rescue truck. Secured bids for DOT inspections. Received a twenty-foot mechanics box for storage of equipment for the training facility from the Fireman's Association. The Fire Department is still actively recruiting. Spoke with Dianne about purchasing a new tower computer for the department. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Township updates ... Trash day went well – ten (10) containers total (8 for trash and 1.5 for metal) plus there was also one (1) large electronics trailer. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to Boy Scout Troop 167 and the all the volunteers that came out to help. The project went smoothly and, hopefully, they will be able to have it again next year. Bar Lake Road has water going over the road in a heavy rain event. For now, the Road Commission will be doing some ditching and cleaning of the culvert in that area; a permanent fix may require major reconstruction of the road. When driving North or South on Bar Lake Road in a heavy rain event, please use caution. The MDOT notice for the US31 bridge deck work states there will be lane closures; repairs will start June 6, 2022 for two days. Spoke with Spectrum in regards to

the work being done around Manistee County through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. Manistee Township's website is under construction so please be patient.

Renee Mallison, Manistee Conservation District gave a short update on the up coming events. On July 20<sup>th</sup> the well nitrate testing will be from 9 to 4 at the MCD office. Check their website for date and water sample collection information. July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Scrap Tire Event from 9 to noon; two dollars a tire, up to ten tires per vehicle. Household Hazardous Waste is August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1. Working on invasive species removal. Boot brush cleaning stations are used to prevent the spread of invasive species. Boot stations are available; if one is needed, please reach out to Renee or call the district number. The Conservation District millage request is on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot asking for a renewal plus and additional funds.

Yarrow Brown, Housing North ... Spoke about a new, proposed position to coordinate housing needs in and around Manistee County. The position is a three-year position to be supported by multiple communities within the county. After multiple questions and answers, Treasurer Jankwietz requested the Board have more time to review the materials and proposed Contract. Ms. Brown indicated they would like to put everything in place in late June, early July, so some time is available.

The May bill payment report was provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for May as provided and the June bills as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the Cleon Township Hall, 16505 Imhoff Drive, Copemish, MI 49625 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.**

**Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall to review and correct qualified errors on assessments.**

Barry Lind asked the Board about the current use of the parcel of land next to the Microtel on the corner of US-31 and M-55. Zoning Administrator Clouse stated the owner has given permission for the land to be used for the display of storage sheds and is in compliance with local ordinances.

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 8:02 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk