

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Trustee Guy Finout and Trustee John Dontz. Also present were County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Captain Sam Koscinski, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse and Barry Lind with PEG.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and said the pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July 11, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2019. The receipts were \$55,853.25; expenditures were \$43,251.10, leaving a balance of \$180,373.86 in the General Fund as of July 31, 2019; the report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission ~ Accepted minutes not available.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

There being no further correspondence in the Board's packet to discuss, Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the board. There was no public comment at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities in the County. Hillary Boyd has been appointed as Assistant Veteran's Counselor. Eastlake and the Township of Onekama are now under contract with the County for zoning services. Kevin Hughes appeared before the Commission to present the District Health Department #10 annual report. Ron Stoneman, Manistee Area Public Schools Superintendent, updated the Board on the 2020 campaign project. The Sheriff's Department recently lost their K-9 dog, Beno. Officer Gillespie will remain as the K-9 officer. The metal detectors are operational in the Courthouse. FEMA has scheduled a community coordination meeting August 13, 2019 from 2p.m. – 4p.m. at the Manistee County Sheriff Department. Mark Miller has been named as the Economic Development Director. Onekama Township is working with AGS to begin the construction permitting process.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning Department for July. There were six (6) land use permits issued and seventeen (17) requests for construction permits. Filer Township is beginning a new Master Plan process. Zoning Administrator Finout updated the Planning Commission on short term rentals. The State of Michigan has revised the Right to Farm rules. County Planner Rob Carson attended the August 7, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to update the Commission on the status of the Manistee Township Master Plan process. The developer of the Oak Grove Development is planning to request a variance for the project at the September 3, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians presented a packet to the Planning Commission explaining their 156 acre project to be located at US 31 and M22.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activity at the Fire Department. There were six (6) meetings and other training events, ten (10) calls for fire suppression, and seven (7) calls for medical assistance. The station is in good working order. Training is ongoing and the Fire Department will be providing assistance at the County Fair. #135 had some repairs completed.

#131 replacement truck proposal drawings from Spencer Manufacturing were available at the meeting. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked the Firefighters for all of their hard work. A reminder to be mindful of burning; please call for burn permits.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the renovation work on the Pickleball Court has been completed and will be ready for use on Monday, August 12, 2019.

Motion to approve the bills for July as presented and August as received was made by Trustee Dontz; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting – will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Manistee Township Hall at 410 Holden St. in Manistee.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Trustee Finout to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk