

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 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 Guy Finout. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, Jim Henderson, Gary Madden, Shirley Madden, and Barry Lind with PEG. Trustee John Dontz and County Commissioner Jeff Dontz were absent.

Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting and December 17, 2019 Manistee Township Special Board Meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of December. The receipts were \$49,184.00; expenditures were \$43,415.93, leaving a balance of \$10,652.49 in the General Fund as of December 31. The Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the December 4, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were available to the Board and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet.

There were no public comments at this time.

Manistee County Commissioner's report was not available.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for December. There were no new complaints. Zoning Administrator G. Finout is working on resolving older complaints. There were four (4) land use permits issued and six (6) requests for construction permits. BMG Landholdings have applied for a special land use permit and presented a site plan for review on their proposed project to be located on Kemmer Road and US 31. County Planner Rob Carson and Zoning Office Assistant Karen Clouse will be working with BMG Landholdings while Zoning Administrator Guy Finout is on vacation. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians have submitted a site plan for their proposed project to be located on M-22 and US 31. County Planner Rob Carson attended the Planning Commission meeting on January 8, 2020 and presented the Planning Commission members with text, graphs and maps to review for the Master Plan. A public input session is tentatively scheduled for March; with the Master Plan to be completed in the spring. The Planning Commission held election of officers at their January 8, 2020 meeting; Duane Anderson continues as Chair, Ed Seng as Co-Chair, and Mike Willett as Secretary.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported five (5) meetings and/or training sessions were held; six (6) medical runs; six (6) fire runs. Trucks #131, #133 and # 132 are in need of some battery maintenance work. The Fire Department is working with Spencer Mfg. to potentially sell #131. The windows have been installed in the training facility. FF1 and FF2 classes will be beginning this month. The Department received word from the State that the 50/50 grant application has been approved; work is ongoing to complete the rest of grant requirements so the funds can be issued. The siren repairs have been completed. Training is ongoing. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to all of the firefighters for their hard work.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse stated there were no violations or citations for the month of December.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he will be stepping away from his position on the Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board and is recommending Jim Henderson to serve as his replacement. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he would work with Mr. Henderson for the first couple of cycles and attend the Organizational meeting with him on February 10, 2020. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to appoint Jim Henderson to serve as the Township Representative on the Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board; seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The December bill payment detail has been provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to pay the bills for December as provided and the January bills as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting will be held March 25, 2020 at the Norman Township Hall, 1273 S. Seaman Road, Wellston, MI 49689.**

**Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall. *If there is an appeal.***

**Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.**

**Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

In public comment, Supervisor Bjorkquist advised Mr. Gary Madden of the information he had gathered regarding lakeshore erosion, potential subgrants available, and the timeframe for grant submittal. Mr. Madden inquired about assistance from the state legislature offices.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Finout, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk