

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday September 20, 2018 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, Marlene Walters, Shelley Green, Dan Ursum, Peggy Acton, Pete Ramon, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the August 9, 2018 Manistee Township Board Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2018. The receipts were \$14,836.77; expenditures were \$39,846.24 leaving a balance of \$165,564.25 in the General Fund as of August 2018. Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the August 2, 2018 Planning Commission meeting were presented to the Board and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities of the County; discussions continue surrounding the quality of indigent defense and the Public Defender's Office; the 2019 Budget has been passed; Bar Lake has been sprayed for phragmites; and, the Manistee City Council has approved an agreement with the County for the County to provide planning/zoning services for the City.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning Department for August. There were no new complaints and the resident on Switalski Rd. has vacated the site. There were six (6) land use permits issued and twelve (12) requests for construction permits. A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the application and site plan filed by Oak Grove for a PUD. A Resolution, with conditions, for a large-scale solar energy system special land use permit for Prism Power Partners, LLC, was approved by the Planning Commission. Supervisor Bjorkquist commented to Zoning Administrator Finout that the permit approval by the Planning Commission should address the rumors of the solar farm being a dead issue. Zoning Administrator Finout stated it is still an ongoing project to the best of his knowledge. Treasurer Jankwietz commented that Olson Road looks great; Trustee Finout concurred stating it has been fogged and sealed.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activities at the Fire Department. There were eight (8) meetings and/or training sessions, twenty-two (22) medical runs, and seven (7) fire runs. Truck #131 is still experiencing some issues but all other apparatus, including the station house, are in good working condition. Approval for a new probationary firefighter will be requested once the new hire paperwork is completed. Training is ongoing. Fire Chief Barron took this opportunity to publicly thank Manistee Township Fire Department, Eastlake Fire Department, City of Manistee Fire Department, Tribal Police, and Manistee County Sheriff Department for their quick response to the fire at Munson Healthcare Manistee medical offices on August 29, 2018. Please call 231-690-5329 or 231-299-9208 for Burn Permits.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the next meeting for the Revenue Sharing Board will be October 8, 2018 to hear verbal presentations.

The Northwest Michigan Health Department Grant of \$13,000 for renovating the current tennis courts will be forfeited due to weather and time constraints with the contractor's schedules; however, the Township has received a new grant of \$15,000 from the Manistee County Foundation to expand the two (2) tennis courts into six (6) pickleball courts. Cost estimates are still being gathered and it will take several months to complete this project.

The Charter Franchise Agreement has been reviewed by Township Attorney Richard Wilson and presented to the Board for consideration. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the Charter Franchise Agreement providing for 2% subscriber and 0% PEG fees in the ten (10) year contract; seconded by Trustee Dontz. In a roll call vote taken by Clerk Taylor, the following voted aye: Treasurer Jankwietz, Trustee Finout, Trustee Dontz, Clerk Taylor and Supervisor Bjorkquist. The following voted nay: none. Supervisor Bjorkquist declared the motion carried.

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

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated Clerk Taylor and her staff are actively working on the November Election and it looks to be a busy one.

Manistee County Scrap Tire Drop-Off Event to be held **Saturday, September 22, 2018** and **Saturday, October 13, 2018** at the **Manistee County Fairgrounds, 7587 First St, Onkama** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.**

Recycle Rama Northwest Michigan Event to be held **Saturday, September 29, 2018** in the parking lot of **Manistee High School, 525 Twelfth St, Manistee** from **10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.**

Manistee US31 Bascule Bridge to be closed for repairs Tuesday, October 16 thru Friday, October 19, 2018.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at **Arcadia Township Hall, 3422 Lake Street, Arcadia** at **7:00 PM**.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall** – *if there is an appeal*

Manistee Twp Planning Commission will meet **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street**.

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 7:40 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk