

Approved Minutes

The Manistee Township Board held a work session on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, John Dontz, Guy Finout, Connie Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. The meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Posting attached.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bjorkquist, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There being no public comment, the Supervisor explained the work session was scheduled to begin work on the next fiscal year budget, including the Fire Department vehicle status, building maintenance issues, elections, trash bids, and income sources.

The Medical Rescue vehicle is still on order and will be a 2024 model. \$30,000.00 has been received from the Local Revenue Sharing Board towards the building of the vehicle. The balance of the vehicle, including the equipment top and extend-a-bed, will be covered by ARPA funds. Intermittent internet and wi-fi interruptions are creating programming and work-loss issues in the Treasurer and Clerk offices; a possible solution may be re-wiring for computers and telephone and/or a central server computer system; the Supervisor is working on it. The nine days of early voting approved by the voters in 2022 may make the hall unavailable for residents to use during the ten to fourteen days before a Federal or State election.

Until the final election rules are written, exact building space/use requirements are uncertain. The election inspector and chairperson wage costs for the nine days is expected to be approximately \$4,000.00; the Clerk will give updates as available. The assessor has requested a per parcel rate increase from \$10.51 to \$14.00; the Supervisor will review. The planning continues on the Manistee Township Park Project; the Treasurer is preparing a letter requesting commitment letters for donations of funds, in-kind materials or services to provide to the DNR in the grant request package. Some zoning projects incur costs greater than the filing fees and may take a long time to collect; Trustee Finout will review the issues with the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission. The Hill Road upgrade is expected to be part of this, and next, years budget. The differences in costs and services offered in the trash bids was discussed.

There being no further business or public comment, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dontz; seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz, at 11:55 am. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Manistee Township

410 Holden Street
Manistee, MI

Date of Meeting – April 28, 2023

Time of Meeting – 10:00 AM

Place of Meeting – Manistee Township Hall

Purpose of Meeting: A work session for the Manistee Township Board to discuss and review township projects, election changes, hall rentals, budgets, and any other matters that may be brought before the Board.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 41.72a(2) and (3), and the Americans with Disabilities Act because three (3) or more members of each Township Board may be present at this community meeting.

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Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk
410 Holden Street
Manistee, MI 49660
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Posted on 4/27/2023 @ 4:00 PM

Signature of Clerk _____

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