

Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Trustee John Dontz and Trustee Guy Finout. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Captain Sam Koscinski, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, Barry Lind, Matt McShane and Jim Eble.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and said the pledge to the United States flag.

Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Trustee Dontz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of September was provided. The receipts were \$235,830.50; expenditures were \$292,462.63, leaving a balance of \$39,006.83 in the General Fund as of September. The report was placed on file

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Approved minutes from the September 2, 2020 Planning Commission meeting were provided and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

In public comment, Jim Eble addressed Zoning Administrator Finout on the status of his written complaint regarding numerous vehicles on the property adjoining his.

Matt McShane inquired on the status of an ORV Ordinance. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated an ordinance is being discussed. Supervisor Bjorkquist explained the next steps in the process. Mr. McShane thanked the Board for their continued efforts.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available.

Zoning Administrator Finout reported on the activities in the Zoning office for September. There were four (4) new written complaints, all regarding two short term rentals in the same neighborhood. Zoning Administrator Finout served a civil infraction citation to one of the property owners regarding operating a short-term rental in a residential area. That property owner did attend the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 7; however, the Planning Commission was not able to give any feedback because the issue is in litigation. There were eighteen (18) requests for construction permits. ZOA K.Clouse has been very busy in the Building Department. Zoning Administrator Finout continues to work closely with the Tribe on the Sewer Amendment. In the October meeting, the Planning Commission approved the site plan and special land use permit for Memory Lane Detailing and approved a draft of the Master Plan.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activity at the Fire Department. There were nine (9) calls for fire suppression, nineteen (19) calls for medical assistance and six (6) for meetings and other station events. #131 replacement does not have a completion date yet. #133 repairs are

completed. Hose testing has been postponed. Swift water rescue equipment gear has been purchased with grant money. Frank Post has completed employee paperwork and a request will come before the Board in the future for him to become a probationary member of the Fire Department. Training is ongoing. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked everyone for their hard work. Please check your smoke detectors.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse gave the report for September. The Manistee Township establishment with a violation has closed for the season. All other Manistee Township establishments were in compliance.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. The roof on the Newland School has been completed. Lake Michigan is estimated to decline by four (4) inches by November 2, 2020. Road construction of US 31 is complete. The Township has been assured when the work begins on the M-55 Bridge, the stop light at M-55 and US 31 will remain active and not changed to a four way stop as previously mentioned. Complaints have been received regarding missing "NO WAKE" signs between the M-55 bridge and the train bridge; a new sign was placed at Bridge Street. The Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 12, 2020. Daylight Savings Time begins on November 1, 2020.

Sealed bids were requested for the 2020/2021 winter season snow removal. Manistee Township received one (1) bid:

Forbes Sanitation & Excavation, Inc
\$35.00 per hour – Plow 4-wheel pickup
\$60.00 per hour – Loader
\$35.00 each - Sander

Trustee Dontz made a motion to award the snow removal contract for 2020/2021 to Forbes Sanitation & Excavation; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried

The Board Members received a draft of the proposed Township calendar for 2021. Board members were requested to bring any changes to the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

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

Manistee County MTA Meeting will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at the Bear Lake Township Hall, 7771 Lake Street, Bear Lake.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 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 Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk