

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Clerk Dianne Taylor, and Trustee Guy Finout. Trustee John Dontz was absent. Also present were Fire Department Lieutenant Joe Wells, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Finout made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2019. The receipts were \$109,357.31; expenditures were \$125,223.18, leaving a balance of \$143,501.53 in the General Fund as of February 2019. The report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the February 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were distributed to the Board.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet; however, Supervisor Bjorkquist has reached out to Chairman Barry Elder to schedule an organizational meeting.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available to report on the County activities.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for February. There were no new complaints or land use permits issued. Four (4) construction permits were requested. County Planner Rob Carson will be updating the Township Zoning Map to reflect the change to include Solar Energy Systems. Mr. Carson will be at the May 1, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to present the Master Plan proposal. Zoning Administrator Finout provided the Board Members with additional information regarding the Fire Insurance Withholding Program for further review. Zoning Administrator Finout and Treasurer Jankwietz met with the City of Manistee to discuss city sewer rates for Township residents. A discussion ensued; a work session will be scheduled.

Lieutenant Joe Wells reported nine (9) training/meeting sessions, eight (8) fire runs and twenty (20) medical runs. All apparatus are in good working order, with DOT inspections almost complete. The Department has a total of twenty (20) personnel on their roster. Clerk Taylor has requested an updated roster from the Chief. The Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Manistee is in effect. The Fire Department will be assisting at the Little River Casino this weekend for the Polar Plunge. Remember to call for a burn permit. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the Fire Department for all of their hard work.

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

Trustee Finout made the motion to extend the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit for five (5) years; seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All voted in favor; motion carried. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to increase the amount sent to the United Veterans Council for the purchase of flags placed on veteran graves to \$600.00; seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Manistee, Mason, Oceana Conservation Districts have requested support for the Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Day to be held on August 17, 2019 at a cost of \$1,450.00. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to sign the agreement to participate at a cost of \$1,450.00; seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Manistee County will be holding two (2) separate days you can drop off scrap tires on June 29, 2019 and September 28, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at a location to be determined. There is a \$2.00 per tire fee with a maximum of ten (10) tires per visit. Tires must be clean and off the rim. Standard passenger and light duty truck tires only; no business or farms.

The Annual Trash Day is Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Fire Department

On Monday, March 24, 2019 the County-wide Treasurer Meeting will be held at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee County MTA Meeting – will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Brown Township Hall, 8233 Coates Highway, Manistee.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Bjorkquist took a moment to comment about how difficult it is for the many organizations and individuals striving to bring economic development to our beautiful area when the gas prices are continually higher in our area than other areas of Michigan.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Clerk Taylor, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk