

Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Trustee John Dontz, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Also present were Fire Chief Joe Cerka, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, Deputy Clerk Heather Taylor, John White, Shirley Madden, Gary Madden, Molly Whetstone, Sharon Zakrajsek, and James Eble. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent.

Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 29, 2023 Work Session, June 8, 2023 Budget Public Hearing, June 8 Regular Board Meeting, and June 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of June was provided. The receipts were \$70,469.34; expenditures were \$67,773.44, leaving a balance of \$11,094.54 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2022. The report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Approved minutes from May 3, 2023 Regular Meeting, May 10, 2023 Work Session and May 24, 2023 Work Session meetings were provided and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board Minutes – No Meeting

There was a zoom presentation by Nathan Waggner, PE on the Riley Apartments, LLC. Mr. Waggner spoke about the construction being in two phases with 144 apartments being constructed in each phase. The apartments will be rented at market value with on site management and grounds keeping. Tear down of the old Kennedy school is part of Phase I. Once Phase I is completed and rented, then the second phase can start. A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

John White stated his concerns on the excessive speed of the vehicles going up and down Hill Road along with vehicles passing on the hill. James Eble stated his concerns about the excessive number of cars and junk on the properties on both sides of his property at 3644 Chippewa Highway, and how his two properties are being assessed incorrectly by the township assessor. Gary Madden stated his concerns about the condition of some of the cottages by Burger King, and Shirley Madden expressed her concerns regarding trash in the yard on the north side of the home at 4047 Lakeshore Road. Zoning Administrator, Karen Clouse, responded that both the cottage and Lakeshore Road issues are in the process of being resolved.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning office for June. There were two (2) written complaints, one on Olson Road and another on Kott Road. There were eight (8) zoning permits issued and eleven (11) requests for construction permits. The

Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, and Trustee Finout have completed the revisions for the current and new Zoning Districts for the Zoning Ordinance. Swidorski Bros. will soon be demolishing a few of the smaller buildings at the Gunia property on Veterans Oak Grove Drive. A public hearing was held on June 28, 2023 to review the Special Use Permit and amended site plan submitted by Culver's, which were renewed by Resolution at the Planning Commission special meeting held the same day. The asbestos abatement and MDOT permit processing have begun.

Fire Chief Cerka reported seven (7) fire runs, twenty (20) medical runs, four (4) lift assist and three (3) training/meeting sessions. Truck #134 went in for full service and 135R was in for brakes. We are continuing to keep the place clean. The Revenue Sharing Board awarded the department \$25,000 for new Jaws equipment. The department is actively recruiting. Ralph Carroll, Jacob Pete, Dave Pete and Fire Chief Cerka took a smoke reading class. Fire Chief Cerka is reaching out to three companies to demonstrate their Jaws equipment. On August 5th from 12-4 the Fire department will be having an open house to celebrate 50 years.

Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse stated there was nothing new to report.

Supervisor Bjorkquist began the update on the Township by introducing the new township assessor, Sharon Zakrajsek, from Great Lakes Assessing, Inc., and co-owner, Molly Whetstone. Sharon and Molly spoke about visiting all of the parcels in the township. Supervisor Bjorkquist commented that with the bridge being closed, the Fire Department will be heavily relied upon for events on this side of the bridge. Polen and Suida roads are scheduled to be wedged on the 17th of July and then seal coated and striped in August. Also, be aware that there will be concrete repairs being done in Filer Township on US31 heading south towards Countyline Road starting July 31, 2023.

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

Manistee County MTA Meeting will meet on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at Onekama Township Hall, 45435 Main Street, Onekama, MI.

Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall to review and correct qualified errors.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall. (If there is an appeal).

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business or public comments, it was moved by Treasurer Jankwietz and seconded by Trustee Dontz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk