

Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 23, 2022 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, Ariel Breen, and Heather Taylor.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July 14, 2022 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of July was provided. The receipts were \$457,592.92; expenditures were \$70,819.78, leaving a balance of \$390,557.82 in the General Fund at the end of July. The report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission ~ July 26, 2022 Public Hearing and Special Meeting minutes were placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz stated the County Commissioners' meeting was held on the 16th. They opted out of PA152; settled on wage increases for the 2022/2023 budget; re-appointed Duane Jones to the County Planning Commission; redistributed ARPA funds to several entities including the Friends of Orchard Beach State Park, Manistee-Blacker Airport for three different projects, and the Lions Pavilion at the fairgrounds. The new Grant Writer, Bill Kennis, is now in place. The ARPA funding allowed for a one-time cost of living allowance to be given to the county employees. Consumers CMS Energy hydro power is looking into 13 hydro dams throughout the state because of the dam failures on the east side of the state. The state has reviewed the dams. The estimate to update the dams to current standards is projected to be in the billions. Interviews have begun on the Housing Coordinator. Mike Machin is the 911 Interim Director. The hiring process for the 911 Director, Deputy Director, and the Emergency Manager positions has begun.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning Department for July. There was three (3) new written complaints, three (3) land use permits issued, fifteen (15) requests for construction permits, and one (1) re-inspection fee paid. The Planning Commission approved (1) the site plan for Apex Utility Services, and (2) the Special Use Permit and site plan for BiggBy Coffee and Sandwich Shop.

Fire Chief Joe Cerka was absent. No report given.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse was absent; however, Supervisor Bjorkquist stated his report indicated there were no new issues or violations.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. Tree clean-up is being done at the Newland School. The Fire Department has responded to multiple accident calls at the US31 and M22 roundabout project. Orchard Beach Playground funding is coming along really well. Road repairs on US31 from M55 to VanBuren Street has been moved up to 2025 from 2026.

Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to approve Shelby Fraley as Manistee Township Fire Department EMS Captain; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to approve Gordon Grant as Manistee Township Fire Department EMS Lieutenant; seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

Trustee Dontz made a motion to approve Sam Kosinski as Manistee Township Fire Department Fire Captain; seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-09, Grant Application for Fire Department Vehicle; seconded by Trustee Dontz. In a roll call, those voting in favor were: Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist. Those voting against: None. Supervisor Bjorkquist declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2022-09

Grant Application for Fire Department Vehicle

WHEREAS, The Township of Manistee recognizes the need to improve and maintain equipment for use by the Manistee Township Fire Department as the primary provider of medical first responder and fire suppression services in the township; and

WHEREAS, there may be Grant funding available through the Local Revenue Sharing Board, for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians/State of Michigan Gaming Compact, to replace the current 1997 Chevrolet Suburban Medical Response Unit with a newer, appropriately equipped, medical response unit;

BE IT RESOLVED the Manistee Township Board approves the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Local Revenue Sharing Board 2022 Cycle II Grant Program towards the purchase of a Medical Response Vehicle and equipment to be used by the Manistee Township Fire Department.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the resolution; Trustee Dontz seconded.

The motion was passed in a roll call vote.

YEAS: Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly elected Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the August 23, 2022 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

The July bill payment schedule was provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for July as provided and the August bills as they are received; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will meet Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Springdale Township Hall, 14992 Glovers Lake Road, Bear Lake, MI 49614.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 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 Trustee Finout, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk