

## Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 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 Chuck Barron, Captain Sam Kosciński, Deputy Clerk Melanie Skory, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Rose and Steve Fosdick, Bill Schoedel, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Manistee Township Budget Public Hearing and the June 16, 2021 Board Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve both sets of 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 \$46,243.96; expenditures were \$70,852.51, leaving a balance of \$146,593.29 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2021. The report was placed on file

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Approved minutes from June 2, 2021 meeting were provided and placed on file.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning office for June. There were two (2) written complaints. There were three (3) land use permits issued and eight (8) requests for construction permits. The Master Plan is complete; however, Trustee Finout and ZA Clouse are currently correcting grammatical errors and preparing the finished plan for presentation to the Manistee Township Planning Commission at their August meeting. Northwest Michigan Health Services is moving to 148 Parkdale Avenue. The Prism Power Development is moving forward with new financing and a new site plan and hopes to close on their property purchase by the end of the month.

Fire Chief Barron reported six (6) fire runs, eleven (11) medical runs and nine (9) training/meeting sessions. Apparatus is in good working order; however, there is some upkeep/maintenance to be done on 133, 131, and 134. Training with the Lexipol program is set up and going very well. The department is starting to receive gear from the 50/50 grants from last year. There were two (2) pool fills last week, bringing the total to seven (7) so far this summer. Rolling Thunder is here again and the department will provide traffic control on Friday as well as on-site medical support at the Casino on Saturday. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, in the absence of Liquor Inspector R. Clouse, gave the Liquor Inspector report for June. All Manistee Township establishments were in compliance and have new liquor licenses for 2021. Douglas Valley is closed.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. The Miller Road project is almost complete. The M-55 bridge pilings are being completed and moving forward on schedule.

A presentation was given by Rose and Steve Fosdick with *Connecting Manistee County*, a grassroots initiative started in 2021, to provide affordable, fast, reliable high-speed internet to Manistee County. The group is collecting surveys and letters of support in order to go forward with a feasibility study. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to write a letter of support to *Connecting Manistee County*; seconded by Trustee Finout. Motion carried.

A discussion was had regarding the City/Township Water Ordinance. Specific areas of the ordinance were pointed out for further clarification. Supervisor Bjorkquist will meet with the lawyers to make modifications and get it ready for final review.

The MTA Principles of Governance are a standard code of conduct townships follow throughout the state. The Manistee Township MTA Principles of Governance are posted in the Board Room. Being there are no changes to our board, the current signed copy will remain in effect.

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

**Manistee County MTA Meeting** – has not been scheduled as yet.

**Manistee Township Board of Review** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall** to review and correct qualified errors on assessments.

**Manistee Township Planning Commission** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall** (*if there is an appeal*).

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday August 12, 2021 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 Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk