

## Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 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 Koscinski, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, James Eble, Richard Edmondson, Deb Mowry, Bob Meyers, Matt McShane, and Cody McShane.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order and all attending stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Manistee Township Board Meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2021. The receipts were \$52,643.37; expenditures were \$42,169.76, leaving a balance of \$188,824.54 in the General Fund as of March 2021. The report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the March 3, 2021 Planning Commission meeting were received and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in March 2021.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities of the County. There is a vacancy on the Centra Wellness Board of Directors; anyone interested may complete an application and turn it in by Monday, April 12, 2021. There will be two (2) separate days for scrap tire collection in 2021, June 26 and September 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bay Area Recycling for Charities in Kaleva. The Manistee County Fair dates have been set for August 17 – 21, 2021.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the March activity in the Zoning office. There were no new complaints. There were three (3) new land use permit issued and eight (8) requests for construction permits as well as one (1) re-inspection. A Public Hearing was held on April 7, 2021 to present information regarding a Special Land Use Permit application and site plan for the Manistee Village Apartments, a nine (9) multi-plex unit (36 total units) family housing project to be built near Kemmer Road. The SLUP application was approved at the Planning Commission meeting following the public hearing. Zoning Administrator Clouse has completed her coursework and passed her exam.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported five (5) training/meeting sessions, five (5) fire runs and twenty-four (24) medical runs. Fire Chief Barron expressed thanks to Captain Kosinski and the entire department for their dedication while he was out of town. Annual ladder inspection is scheduled for April 26, 2021. A CPR class for the department has been scheduled for May 10, 2021. Burn season is here, please contact the State via phone or their website, [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov), for more permit information. Chief Barron explained the need to upgrade the current cascade system at the fire hall. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the Fire Department for all of their hard work.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse stated there were no significant changes or violations in March.

Supervisor Bjorkquist reported on the township. MDOT has projects for Eastlake Road to M55 and M55 to Claybank this year in addition to the ongoing US-31 bridge repairs.

The Annual Trash Day will be held Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the fire hall on Hill Road. Clerk Taylor has prepared a list of acceptable and unacceptable items; it will be published in the newspaper and is available at the Township hall.

The ORV Ordinance has been completed and there will be a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

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

**REMINDERS:**

**Local Revenue Sharing Board** will meet **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** for **Cycle I – 2021 Verbal Presentations** in the **Manistee Courthouse Commissioners Room** located at **415 Third Street, Manistee.**

**Manistee County MTA Meeting** – has not been announced yet.

**Special Election** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.**

**Manistee Township Planning Commission** will meet **Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Clerk Taylor, seconded by Trustee Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk