

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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 Captain Sam Koscinski, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the April 11, 2019 Manistee Township Board, April 23, 2019 Special Meeting, April 29, 2019 Special Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written and place on file; Trustee Finout seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2019. The receipts were \$1,868.35; expenditures were \$31,530.93, leaving a balance of \$275,080.77 in the General Fund as of April 2019.

Approved minutes from the April 3, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were presented to the Board and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 23, 2019 for an organizational meeting. Barry Elder was named Chairman. John Dontz was named Co-Chairman. Todd Mallison was named Secretary. Ernie Hornkohl and Jeff Mikula were named as Alternates.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for April. There were no new complaints. There were three (3) land use permits issued and eleven (11) requests for construction permits. The Zoning Ordinance Manual has been updated and distributed. The Planning Commission discussed creating a short-term rental ordinance at the May 1, 2019 meeting; however, no action was taken. The Oak Grove project is moving forward slowly. Consumers Energy has approved an interconnection agreement with Prism Power.

Captain Sam Koscinski reported eleven (11) training/meeting sessions, three (3) fire runs and twelve (12) medical runs. Apparatus is in good working order. The specifications required for Truck 131 replacement are almost complete. Training is ongoing and the department is conducting joint training with Onekama and Bear Lake. The Fire Department will be involved this weekend with Tight Lines for Troops. Phone numbers to call for a burn permit are listed on the answering machine at the Fire Department and on the DNR website. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated Insta Launch and the Heathlands are open.

The Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting on June 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for distribution of grants Cycle 1, 2019.

The Board discussed the Road Commission projects for 2019 and 2020. Pine Creek Road is scheduled to be repaired in 2019. Engineering work is slated to begin in 2019 for the North Milarch Road, US 31, and Eight Mile Road area. The M-55 bridge work has been delayed until 2021.

The Township Board met with City of Manistee representatives on April 23, 2019 to discuss the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement proposed by the City of Manistee. After discussion, Supervisor Bjorkquist requested Attorney Peter Wendling be contacted to draft a couple of options for consideration.

The Township Board Members discussed the Recreational Marijuana Act. The State of Michigan is fast tracking the application process for marijuana establishments and the rules surrounding the process. The Township will be deemed to "opt in" unless it passes an ordinance to "opt out" of allowing recreational marijuana within the Township.

Supervisor Bjorkquist reported on the Annual Trash Day held on May 11, 2019 at the Manistee Township Fire Department. Seven (7) dumpsters of trash and one (1) dumpster of metal were collected. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked those that volunteered their time that day; Terry Anderson, Dan Revolt, Ken Soler, Blake Wandrych, Ryan Sullivan, Ben Sullivan, Dominic Valencia, Sarah Valencia, Marcus Chick and Ben Eilers.

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

Manistee County MTA Meeting – will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Bear Lake United Methodist Church in Bear Lake.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday June 20, 2019 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 Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk