

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 11, 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 Joe Wells and Sam Koscinski, representing the Manistee Township Fire Department, Jim Gauthier, Glenn Zaring, Harlen Kott and Barry Lind, representing PEG. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz and Fire Chief Chuck Barron were absent.

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

Minutes of the June 20, 2019 Manistee Township Board Regular Meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the June 20, 2019 Meeting minutes written; seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2019. The receipts were \$61,447.53; expenditures were \$154,113.66, leaving a balance of \$167,771.71 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2019; the report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Accepted minutes from May 1, 2019 and June 5, 2019 meetings were provided.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available to give the County Commissioner report.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for June. There were four (4) land use permits issued and seven (7) requests for construction permits. There was one (1) new complaint regarding a fence being constructed without permit(s) on Parkdale Avenue; a notice of violation has been sent to the property owner. A previous complaint regarding property on the US 31 highway is ongoing; the next step is to issue a citation. The Master Plan re-write is now underway; adjacent entities have been notified. The Oak Grove Development and the Heathlands are progressing; however, each project has some hurdles they are working through. Some of the trade contractors have complained about the permit process turnaround time and the inspection process; research will be done to determine what improvements may be needed. The State has made changes to the fireworks regulations that will impact the Township; more information will be gathered to determine if an ordinance update is warranted.

Joe Wells, Assistant Fire Chief, reported on the activities for the Manistee Township Fire Department. There were 10 station activities and 12 incident responses in June; two (2) were fire related and ten (10) were EMS. The department participated in the Forest Festival Parade. Trucks 131 and 131R repairs are being repaired. There is a small hole in the concrete that needs repair. Isaiah Mazure has returned to the area and has re-joined the department.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, reported no new activity.

In new business, the Supervisor stated he had met with the Manistee County Road Commission regarding the condition of Carlstrom Road. The road can be repaired with gravel this year at a cost of \$6,585.00 to the Township. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to repair Carlstrom Road at a cost of \$6,585.00; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

The Bar Lake Outlet concrete viewing platform is in need of repair. The platform needs to be sheet-piled to prevent damage from high water. Swidorski Bros Excavating LLC has provided an estimate of \$16,100.00 to make the repairs. Trustee Finout made the motion to repair the Bar Lake platform at a cost of \$16,100.00; Clerk Taylor seconded. In a roll call vote, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, and Bjorkquist voted yea; motion carried.

In an update on the Newland School, Supervisor Bjorkquist announced the new septic system has been completed and he is working on estimates to have the roof repaired. The possibility of grants to make additional repairs to the historic building will also be explored.

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

**Board of Review (for Errors and Omissions) will be held Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee.**

**Manistee County MTA Meeting - Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Filer Township Hall at 2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI at 7:00 PM**

**Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals - Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall if an appeal is to be heard.**

**Manistee Twp Planning Commission Meeting - Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Manistee Township Hall.**

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, August 8, 2019 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 Treasurer Jankwietz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk