

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Trustee John Dontz was absent and excused. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Captain Sam Koscinski, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Tom Chycinski, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2019. The receipts were \$77,252.06, expenditures were \$61,954.24, leaving a balance of \$159,367.40 in the General Fund as of January 2019. The report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the January 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were received and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities of the county. Pre-audit numbers were presented to the Commission. The Commission approved a Resolution establishing a County Park and Recreation Commission. The new recreation commission will make it easier to apply for and receive grant awards. The Manistee Blacker Airport is slated to have the runways resurfaced and striped in September. The recent alcohol ban on the Au Sable, Manistee and Pine Rivers has been delayed. Commissioner Dontz stated the Forest Service plans to create a group, consisting of small business, municipal, and private individuals to address the issues.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office. There were no new complaints. There was one (1) land use permit issued and two (2) requests for construction permits. Mike Willett was voted to be Planning Commission Secretary at the last meeting. County Planner Rob Carson is preparing a scope and cost timeline for revamping the Township Master Plan. Ryan Kieszowski was at the January 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting and stated the Oak Grove project is moving forward. The Heathlands Solar Project is moving forward as well. Zoning Administrator Finout advised the Board of a fire insurance withholding program that may be available to assist in the cost of cleaning up fire damaged sites. The Board requested more information to review.

Fire Chief Barron reported thirteen (13) training/meeting sessions, one (1) fire run, and twelve (12) medical runs. Discussion on replacing Truck #131 continues. Truck #135R is back in service. Used jaws equipment has become available to the Fire Department at no charge. Training continues with sessions on truck training and wildland classes.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there were no changes.

Revenue Sharing Grant Applications Cycle 1-2019 are due March 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Tom Chycinski, on behalf of Veteran's Affairs, provided the Board with information behind the task force working to bring a V.A. community-based clinic to Manistee. Mr. Chycinski is requesting Board support in the form a letter to the VA, which the Board unanimously agreed to do.

Trustee Finout made the motion to enter into the Agreement for Automatic Aid between the Manistee Township Fire Department and the City of Manistee, Department of Public Safety; seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All voted in favor; motion carried. The Agreement will now go to the City for their approval.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to submit the Revenue Sharing grant application in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Fire Department; seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor; motion carried.

A motion to approve the contract with Brown Township, which would allow the Manistee Township Fire Department to provide fire department services to Brown Township for 2019, was made by Treasurer Jankwietz and seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the 2019 Contract with Manistee County for Tax Map and Assessment Roll Maintenance, Tax Bill, and Computer Services at a cost of \$4.02 per parcel; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the 2019 Contract with Manistee County for S.E.T. Summer Tax Collection at a cost of \$1.00 per parcel; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County Road Commission has passed an amendment to change how the standard operating procedures for cost sharing are figured. Previously, the Township's share for the work to be completed on Pine Creek was to be \$205,000.00. Now, the Township's share is estimated to be \$137,500.00. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to enter into a contract with Manistee County Road Commission for the Pine Creek Rd road repair at an estimated cost of \$137,500.00 for the entire length of 4.9 miles; Clerk Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

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

Manistee County MTA Meeting – will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Brown Township Hall, 8233 Coates Highway, Manistee.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Board of Review Organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Board of Review will meet Monday, March 11, 2019 from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. and on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall to hear property tax appeals.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, March 14, 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 Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Finout to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk