

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Trustee Guy Finout, and Trustee John Dontz. Also present were County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Keith Brown from PEG, Dan Revolt, Dan and Mary Lou Ursum, and Janice Riabucha.

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

Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2017. The receipts were \$76,322.79; expenditures were \$28,132.28, leaving a balance of \$60,709.92 in the General Fund as of December 31, 2017. No discussion; placed on file.

Approved minutes for November and December Manistee Township Planning Commission meetings were provided to the board.

Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board met on January 2, 2018. Discussion included reducing the Board from a five (5) member board to a three (3) member board. The possible change has been referred to legal counsel.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring to the Board. Dan Ursum inquired whether the Bar Lake outlet could be opened up as the water level in Bar Lake is extremely high. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he was meeting with the Drain Commissioner on January 12, 2018 and would bring this matter to his attention. Janice Riabucha requested something be done regarding the length of time campers, trailers, and excessive vehicles are allowed to be parked on residential township property and/or county property. Zoning Administrator Finout stated he would follow up on this issue and Trustee Dontz recommended Ms. Riabucha attend the next Planning Commission meeting.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities of the County. The existing tower which provides signal to Central Dispatch, school districts, etc. is being replaced. The Brownfield Plan for the former Kennedy School building has been terminated. A Resolution was passed to approve outside counsel for Opioid litigation. Tom Kaminski will be retiring from the County Administrator/Controller position effective March 1, 2018; interviews for a replacement are being conducted. M-55 Bridge is slated for reconstruction in 2020.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office. There was one (1) special land use application received in December for the proposed Solar Farm to be constructed on the Heathlands Golf Course property. The Planning Commission is currently working on amending the zoning ordinances, map, and language and rules standards. Zoning Administrator Finout revoked a land use permit for a new home to be constructed on a private road with three (3) existing structures. The current zoning ordinance only allows a maximum of three (3) structures on a private road; therefore, this fourth request would be denied until the private road is brought up to MCRC standards or another way into the property could be

developed or a variance is requested and approved. The Planning Commission received some perplexing information at their meeting on January 4th; therefore, the updating of the Master Plan is on hold until the Planning Commission and County Planner Rob Carson can meet to discuss how they will go forward.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron presented the December 2017 report for the Manistee Township Fire Department, four (4) meetings and/or training sessions were held; eleven (11) medical runs; eight (8) fire runs. All apparatus are in good working order, with discussion continuing on #131. Firefighter classes I and II are currently being held at the Fire Department. Work continues on the 2018 training schedule with input coming from the surrounding departments.

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

The bills for the month were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for January as presented and received; Trustee Finout seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting – No meetings until after February 2018.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the **Manistee Township Hall**.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be held on **Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 Treasurer Jankwietz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk