

Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz and Trustee John Dontz. Trustee Guy Finout was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Captain Sam Koscinski, Deputy Clerk Melanie Skory, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, Barry Lind with PEG, Harry Drew, Renee Mallison with the Manistee Conservation District, Sandy Pelarski, Kelly Griffin, Duane Anderson, Gary Schwaiger and Dave Povilus with the Friends of Orchard Beach State Park, Doug Barry with the DNR, and Bill Schoedel.

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

Minutes of the August 12, 2021 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Trustee Dontz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of August was provided. The receipts were \$18,541.50; expenditures were \$37,321.42, leaving a balance of \$138,229.12 in the General Fund as of August 31, 2021. The report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission – Approved minutes from August 4, 2021 meeting were provided and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent; no report given.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning Department for August. There were no new written complaints. The office issued two (2) land use permits and nine (9) construction permits. Two (2) reinspection fees were paid. Prism Power has signed a contract with Consumers Energy.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activity at the Fire Department. There were twelve (12) fire related runs, twelve (12) medical related runs, and nine (9) meeting/training events. All equipment is in working order. The generator is now on the concrete pad and getting ready for installation. Lexipol training program is working very well. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse gave the report for August: All Manistee Township establishments are in compliance.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. The M-55 bridge project is slightly delayed with anticipated opening in the beginning of December, 2021. More beams are scheduled to arrive for the project later this month. The American Rescue Plan Act application has been received by the State of Michigan and approved. The township office has received multiple complaints regarding the old Kennedy school; Supervisor Bjorkquist requested the

Zoning Administrator to draft a letter to the owner advising the property is in violation of township ordinances. Complaints on Asp Road have been received and Supervisor Bjorkquist will meet with the Road Commission. Bar Lake Road complaints are being discussed with the Drain Commissioner. The Scrap Tire Event for Manistee County will be held on September 25, 2021 at Bay Area Recycling in Kaleva. More information is available at the township offices.

Renee Mallison, with the Manistee Conservation District, updated the Board on recent events. The Household Waste event was a big success this year. Volunteers for stream monitoring are being sought. Information is available on their website, www.manisteed2.org.

The Friends of Orchard Beach State Park presented information on the plan for a new playground at the park. Sandy Pelarski gave a brief history of the group and their activity. A consultant has been retained by the group and fundraising is ongoing for the new playground. Supervisor Bjorkquist will act as liaison for the Board.

Clerk Taylor brought two (2) contract change resolutions from Consumers Energy to the Board for approval. Consumers Energy would like to remove one (1) hanging street light, in the center of M-55 and US-31, and replace it with two (2) lights on poles on opposite corners of the intersection. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-15; seconded by Trustee Dontz. In a roll call vote, those voting in favor were: Dontz, Jankwietz, Taylor, Bjorkquist. Those voting against: none. Supervisor Bjorkquist declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-15

A Resolution to Remove One CES Street Light

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the Township of Manistee, dated 9/1/2019, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract dated 9-9-2021, heretofore submitted to and considered by this board; and,

RESOLVED, further, that the Township Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on the behalf of the Township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF Manistee

I, Dianne Taylor, Clerk of the Township of MANISTEE, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the board of said municipality, at the meeting held on 9-9-2021.

Municipal Customer Type: Township

Dated:
9-9-2021

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-15; seconded by Trustee Dontz.

Ayes: Dontz, Jankwietz, Taylor, Bjorkquist

Nays: None

Absent: Finout

Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-16; seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. In a roll call vote, those voting in favor were: Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist. Those voting against: none. Supervisor Bjorkquist declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-16

A Resolution to Install Two CES Street Lights

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the Township of Manistee, dated 11/26/2018, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract dated 9-9-2021, heretofore submitted to and considered by this board; and,

RESOLVED, further, that the Township Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on the behalf of the Township.

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Ayes: Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist

Nays: None

Absent: Finout

The Manistee Township 2020 Master Plan is ready for distribution. A motion was made by Trustee Dontz to approve distribution of the Master Plan; seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

The August bill payment has been provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for August as provided and the September bills as they are received; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion.

The Manistee County MTA Annual Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Norman Township Hall located at 1273 S. Seaman Road, Wellston, MI.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Treasurer Jankwietz, seconded by Trustee Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk