

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, November 7, 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 Fire Chief Chuck Barron and Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse. County Commissioner Jeff Dontz and Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse were absent.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the October 4, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of October. The receipts were \$62,590.72; expenditures were \$92,342.98, leaving a balance of \$83,741.45 in the General Fund as of October 2019. Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Planning Commission ~ Accepted November 6, 2019 minutes not available yet.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

There were no public comments at this time.

Manistee County Commissioner's report was not available.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activities in the Zoning Department for October. There were no new complaints. Zoning Administrator Finout has been working on resolving the older complaints; the Kennedy School building has been secured, the grass has been mowed and the windows have been repaired. There were nine (9) requests for constructions permits and two (2) re-inspection fees. A Public Hearing for the proposed zoning ordinance amendment was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Numerous people attended; six (6) people presented their concerns to the Planning Commission. BMG Landholdings presented the Commission with a conceptual site plan for a project for the US 31 and Kemmer Road property. Zoning Administrator Finout advised the Board several sub-contractors may be attending the December 12, 2019 Board meeting to address some concerns they have with AGS.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on the activities at the Fire Department. There were five (5) fire runs, twelve (12) medical runs, and twelve (12) meetings and/or training sessions. The generator has failed on #133; they are looking into different options to replace it. The hole is fixed at the station house. The Department filled a pool for a resident and received a donation. Training is on-going. Firefighter I and II will be starting in January and will run through June. Firefighter Prevention Night went well at the station house and had a great turnout from the community. Trustee Finout inquired

if there was an update on the burn permit status; Chief Barron stated not as of yet. Supervisor Bjorkquist thanked the firefighters for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, in the absence of Liquor Inspector R. Clouse, gave the Liquor Inspector report for October. There were no citations or violations. The Heathlands and Insta-Launch are closed for the season.

Supervisor Bjorkquist presented the Board with information from the Manistee County Road Commission regarding repairing Milarch Road. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to enter into an agreement with Manistee County Road Commission for improvement of Milarch Road pending participation by all four (4) Townships and a new cost estimate in the spring; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist presented the Board with a proposed Cost Recovery Ordinance for review and discussion.

Annual calendar updates/changes for 2020 were discussed; Board members were requested to bring any other changes to the December 12, 2019 meeting.

Supervisor Bjorkquist stated there will be a meeting to discuss shoreline erosion issues to be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Manistee High School Auditorium.

The October bill payment detail has been provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for October as provided and the November bills as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be held in the Spring.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals and Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Manistee Township Board of Review will meet Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall to correct errors and omissions only.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM 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 7:55 P.M. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk