

The Manistee Township Board held a special meeting work session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, John Dontz, Guy Finout, Connie Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Attorney Peter Wendling, Thad Taylor, City of Manistee Manager, Ed Bradford, City Treasurer, and Jeff Mikula, City Public Works Director, were also in attendance. The meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Posting attached.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Township has been pursuing a satisfactory Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Manistee for several years in an attempt to provide sanitary sewer services to more township residents. To that end, City of Manistee Public Works Director, Jeff Mikula explained the process the City has utilized during the past several months in order to arrive at the current plans and pricing options available to the Township. The capacity of the current city sewer system in the Township is approximately 1,000 Residential Equivalent Units, of which 620 are already in use. Current cost options for the township range from zero monetary investment to an investment of \$1,900,000.00 during the life of a 25 to 30 year renewable agreement. The amount of investment by the Township will determine the number of REU's available and the customer sewer rate. The required sewer lines, lift stations, storage containers, treatment plant(s), etc., would continue to be owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Manistee. City sewer lines and equipment required to extend the number of REU's available would be borne by the City. Costs associated with the direct hookup of a residence or commercial operation (sewer lines to the structure, tap-in fees, permits, etc.) would be borne by the individual or company connecting to the sanitary sewer system.

Attorney Peter Wendling agreed to draft a couple of options for the Board to consider.

There being no further business or public comment, Jankwietz motioned and Taylor seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk

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