

Approved Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Clerk Dianne Taylor, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, Trustee John Dontz and Trustee Guy Finout. Also present were County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Deputy Clerk Melanie Skory, Barry Lind, Jim Wong, Duane Anderson, 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 September 9, 2021 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for the month of September was provided. The receipts were \$7,684.83; expenditures were \$42,394.95, leaving a balance of \$103,519.00 in the General Fund as of September. The report was placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

In public comment, Jim Wong expressed his sincere thanks for the help he received from the Township, especially Treasurer Jankwietz, on resolving his sewer billing issues with the City of Manistee.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on recent County business. The budget was adopted for the next fiscal year; minor changes include adding a corrections officer position and truancy officer. Zoning enforcement within the county will continue as it has in the past. The Manistee County Medical Care Facility millage vote is for major renovations to the facility. The fairground pavilions are back in working order. The Recreation Plan is nearing completion.

Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse reported on the activities in the Zoning office for September. There were two (2) land use permits issued, ten (10) requests for construction permits, one (1) reinspection fee, and two (2) requests for parcel division. The Master Plan Draft has been distributed and is open for comment until November 23. A preliminary site plan for Bob's Roofing has been received. A letter was sent to the property owner of the old Kennedy School; however, no response has been received. The Township Attorney will now draft a letter in regards to ordinance violations on the property.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron was not available to report on the Fire Department activities.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, in the absence of Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse, gave the report for September. All Manistee Township establishments were in compliance.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. The concrete deck pouring started on the M55 bridge project today; anticipated opening is for the beginning of December. The

pickleball courts will be closing down for the winter; pickleball will be played indoors at the Manistee Armory. Eric Sullivan, with the Veterans Council, has set up a food box at the Fire Department. It is stocked and is available for anyone who has a need. The Miller Road project is complete. The Clerk's office has been extremely busy with preparations for the upcoming election. Hats off to Clerk Taylor and her crew for all of their hard work to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to cast their vote.

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

Manistee County MTA Meeting will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stronach Township Hall, 2471 Main Street, Manistee.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall for a public hearing on a land use variance.

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall to vote on the Manistee County Medical Care Proposal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

A Public Hearing on the Manistee Recreation Plan will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on TUESDAY, November 9, 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 Trustee Dontz, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk