

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 11, 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, Captain Sam Koscinski, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, and Barry Lind with PEG.

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

Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Manistee Township Board were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2019. The receipts were \$201,108.54; expenditures were \$39,866.72, leaving a balance of \$304,743.35 in the General Fund as of March 2019.

Approved minutes from the March 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting were provided and placed on file.

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet; no appeals to be heard.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Board. Gary Schwaiger, a resident of Mar Lawn Heights, approached the Board regarding the rental activity at 1940 Lakeview Drive. Mr. Schwaiger's complaint consists of noise, excessive vehicle traffic, numerous people coming and going every several days, etc. Zoning Administrator Finout stated he has tried to reach the owner several times to no avail. The Township Planning Commission has worked with the Township Attorney on creating a short term rental ordinance to try and resolve situations like this.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on the activities of the County. A discussion occurred regarding septic systems and wells at point of sale. MAPS Superintendent Ron Stoneman spoke about the MAPS 2020 Vision. Diann Lonn, Leslie Wilson and James Wisniski, Sr. have been appointed to serve on the Centra Wellness Board of Directors. County Board of Commissioners is signing a letter in support of the Wagoner Center. There will be two separate days for scrap tire collection; June 29, 2019 and September 28, 2019. Discussion continues regarding the recent rescinded alcohol ban on local rivers. Jared Henry has been named as the Public Defender for Manistee County. County Planner Rob Carson and Commissioner Dontz will be meeting with Arcadia Township to discuss County administered Zoning.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the March activity in the Zoning office. There were no new complaints. There was one (1) land use permit issued and six (6) requests for construction permits. The County Planner has provided the Township with a new zoning map reflecting the rezoned area encompassing the Solar Ordinance. The Oak Grove Project is slowly moving forward. Prism Power is still in negotiations with Consumers Power on their project. Discussion occurred regarding receiving monies upfront for work completed by the Planning Commission and the Township Attorney for proposed projects. Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported thirteen (13) training/meeting sessions, six (6) fire runs and seven (7) medical runs. The DOT inspections are scheduled. The station house thermostat has been fixed. Captain Sam Koscinski brought his new turnout gear to show the Board; Fire Chief Barron took this opportunity to personally thank the Revenue Sharing Board and the Little

River Band of Ottawa Indians for the monies awarded by them to purchase the new gear. Joint training with the City of Manistee has been completed. Burn permit season is here; phone numbers to call are listed on the DNR website. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the Fire Department for all of their hard work.

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

The Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting on June 11 at 5:00 PM to award grants.

Appointments for the Planning Commission were discussed. Trustee Dontz made a motion to appoint Ed Seng to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term beginning May 1, 2019; Clerk Taylor seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to appoint Charlie Schoedel to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term beginning May 1, 2019; Trustee Dontz seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Appointments for Zoning Board of Appeals were discussed. Trustee Dontz made a motion to appoint Barry Elder to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term beginning May 1, 2019; Trustee Finout seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to thank the individuals on both Boards for their service to the Township.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to accept James Henderson to the Manistee Township Fire Department as a probationary firefighter; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried. Trustee Dontz made the motion to accept Shelby Fraly to the Manistee Township Fire Department as a probationary firefighter; seconded by Clerk Taylor. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The Annual Trash Day will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. at the Fire Hall on Hill Road. Clerk Taylor has prepared a list of acceptable and unacceptable items; it will be published in the newspaper and is available at the Township hall.

Motion to approve the bills for March as presented as received was made by Trustee Finout; Trustee Dontz seconded. All voted in favor; motion carried.

2020 Construction Reminders – M-55 Bridge; Claybank to Udell Hills; M-22 – Dontz Rd – 8 Mile.

Manistee County MTA Meeting – will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Cleon Township Hall, 16505 Imhoff Drive, Copemish, Manistee.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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 Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk