

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday December 12, 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, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, County Commissioner Jeff Dontz, Bert Gale with Associated Government Services, Barry Lind with PEG and Gary and Shirley Madden. Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse was absent and excused.

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

Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Finout. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz provided the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2019. The receipts were \$105,147.01; expenditures were \$184,004.04, leaving a balance of \$4,884.42 in the General Fund for November 2019. The Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the October 2, 2019 and November 6, 2019 Planning Commission meetings, and the November 6, 2019 Public Hearing were presented to the Board and placed on file.

Accepted minutes from the April 23, 2019 Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting were presented to the Board and placed on file.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz reported on activities within the County. On December 3, 2019, a meeting was held to discuss shoreline erosion with a great turnout from the community. Dial-A-Ride will be seeking a half mill increase; the proposal will be on the ballot for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. There are seven (7) municipalities that now contract zoning services through the County. The Cooley Bridge opened on December 12, 2019. Discussion on the Rail Relocation proposal is ongoing.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the activity in the Zoning office for November. There were no new complaints. Zoning Administrator Finout is working on resolving older complaints with assistance from the DNR on one (1) of them. There was one (1) new land use permit and twelve (12) requests for construction permits. Zoning Assistant K. Clouse has been busy with the Building Department. Zoning Administrator Finout has been actively working on the proposed zoning ordinance and map amendment. There are currently three (3) proposed developments in the Township.

Bert Gale, with Associated Government Services provided an overview of how the Building Permit application process is handled in Manistee Township.

Fire Chief Barron reported six (6) meetings and/or training sessions were held; eleven (11) medical runs; five (5) fire runs. The expected completion date for the new fire truck is mid-July/August of 2020. Work is continuing on the siren at the fire hall. The Fire Department is anticipating hearing from the State on the 50/50 grant they applied for. Training is ongoing with gas meter training, truck checks, and live training in Benzie. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to all firefighters for their hard work.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, in Liquor Inspector R. Clouse absence due to work obligations, gave the Liquor Inspector report for November. There were no citations or violations.

Resolution 2019-08 - Sewer Rates for 2019 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08; seconded by Trustee Finout. All voted in favor; motion carried. Upon roll call vote, the following voted Yea: Jankwietz, Finout, Dontz, Taylor, Bjorkquist. The following voted Nay: None. Motion carried.

## **Resolution No. 2019-08**

### **Sewer Rates**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Manistee has enacted a Sewer Use Ordinance for Manistee Township in Manistee County, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Manistee has been notified by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of a rate increased as a result of an increase in capital, operational and maintenance costs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Article VIII of the Sewer Use Ordinance for Manistee Township, Manistee County, Michigan, the Manistee Township Board established the following rates and fees for sewer services:

<b>Residential</b>	\$31.75 per month flat rate	3% Township Admin Fee
<b>Commercial</b>	\$14.33 per 1000 gallons	3% Township Admin Fee

**Rates will be effective April 1, 2019.** Rates are subject to change.

Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the resolution; Trustee Finout seconded.

Yeas: Jankwietz, Finout, Dontz, Taylor, Bjorkquist

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution approved.

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Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk

I, Dianne Taylor, duly appointed and acting Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board and a true and correct copy is include in the December 12, 2019 Manistee Township Board minutes.

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Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk

Resolution 2019-09 - Board of Review Date Change was presented to the Board for review and discussion. Trustee Dontz made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09; seconded by Trustee Finout. In a roll call vote, the following voted Yea: Taylor, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, and Bjorkquist. Nay: None. All voted in favor; motion carried.

## **Resolution No. 2019-09**

### **Board of Review Date Change**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Manistee normally holds the Board of Review on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in March at the Manistee Township Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Primary Election will be held at the Manistee Township Hall on the second Tuesday in March in the area normally used by the Board of Review;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Manistee Township Board of Review for 2020 will be held on the Second Wednesday, March 11, 2020 and Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the Manistee Township Hall.

Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the resolution; Trustee Finout seconded.

Yeas: Taylor, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, Bjorkquist      Nays: None  
Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution approved.

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An updated 2020 monthly calendar was presented to the Board. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to accept the 2020 monthly meeting calendar as amended; seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The November bill payment detail was provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for November as provided and the December bills as they are received; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**Manistee County MTA Meeting** will be held in the Spring.

**Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** at **6:00p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall.** *If there is an appeal.*

**Manistee Township Planning Commission** will meet **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Manistee Township Hall.**

**Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board** will be held **on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the **Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

In public comment, Gary Madden stated he had attended the erosion shoreline meeting held on December 3, 2019. Mr. Madden currently owns a home along Lake Michigan. Mr. Madden is inquiring if the Township can file for grants to assist the residents who are having erosion issues. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated he would do further research on the matter.

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 7:45 P.M. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor  
Manistee Township Clerk