

Manistee Township Board met with Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 6:45 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also present were Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Bob & Jim Schudlich, and Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson with the pledge to the United States flag.

The minutes of the January 18, 2006 Manistee Township/Manistee Country Road Commission meeting were presented to each board member as a point of reference.

Peterson presented a copy of slides provided by the Michigan County Road Association. The slides provided a number of interesting facts on the percentage of paved roads, the sources of funding for Road Commissions, and other facts and problems facing Road Commission across the state of Michigan

Peterson defined maintenance as snow removal, blading, brining, mowing, and any process not requiring materials beyond brine or patching. Preservation is classed as seal coating, gravel, and those jobs requiring materials to complete. Construction is basically constructing a road where there has never been an existing road.

The ongoing need for updating the US 31 corridor through Manistee Township was discussed. There are 2 to 6 year old statistics and studies on file indicating the need for correction in this area. MDOT has plans to work on US 31 between Schoedel Road and M-22 after the 4th of July holiday. They will be working in the Bear Lake area prior to that date. Schoedel Road will be the alternate route, and will be upgraded to serve as that route.

Peterson indicated Manistee Township, Filer Township, and a portion of Stronach Township will be seal coated this year.

The completion of the River Road project to the Brown Township line was discussed again. There is an indication Brown Township would be willing to share in the last ½ mile going north, located on the line between Brown and Manistee Township. Peterson will talk with Brown Township and let Manistee Township know what their intentions are on this section of road.

Peterson will look at his prior estimate for repairing the Bridge Street Boat Launch.

Questions were asked, and general discussion followed. Peterson was thanked for coming to this meeting, as the daytime hours of the general MCRC meeting

do not allow our board members to attend. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting with Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission, at 7:28 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk