

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. October 13, 2011, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, Dave Yarnell.

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

The minutes of the September 8, 2011 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of September. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated no appeals in October. One is pending for November 1, 2011 meeting. Planning Committee is working on a noise ordinance. Richard Wilson is saying wait on the Medical Marijuana issue until the courts decide

Had 6 receipts already this month. Bridge street ramp has a lip so slipping in should not be a problem. The Village of Eastlake Planning would like to have Guy Finout become their zoning administrator also. It is agreeable to handle through here, there are some financial issues to resolve.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 28 fire/medical runs during the month of September. 1 medical, 1 false alarm, 4 power lines down, 2 car accidents, 1 odor complaint, 1 gas line cut, 1 burning brush, 1 alarm at medical care, 1 legal burn. 229 man hours for runs, 40 hours of Dunlap's time, 65 hours in work details and meetings, for a total of 334 man hours. Fire prevention week starts there will be a parade at 11:00 going to Catholic Central for games etc.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board met on October 10, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for the oral presentations totaling \$1,352,569.55.

Clara Saari reported on the Oaks meeting. They had their audit review there were no deficiencies. They took part in relay for life, had a blood drive. The population fluctuates daily they had 1096 the day of the meeting. They have a \$31,000,000.00 budget. They serve 3 meals a day with the cost being \$2.51 per person.

The Bar Lake Property owners association did not have enough signatures and it was given back to Mark Di Benedetto to take to the group with some recommendations to help with the research of the property owners.

The Bridge St ramp is waiting for the final inspection.

River road has had some grading.

The recreation plan is being looked at, hoping to add some items maybe more non-motorized trails, sidewalks for more walking along the highway. Al Young is taking good care of the path from Hill road to Lakeshore road.

Snow plowing bids were opened. Bjorkquist made a motion seconded by Dontz that we accept the bid from Forbes. Roll call vote was taken Anderson yes, Dontz yes, Bjorkquist yes, Smith yes, Hutchinson yes.

MTA Convention January 24 – 27 was mentioned and all the board plans to attend. Finout was asked if he had any thoughts on going and he will check his calender.

The current bills for the month of were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of September. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Cleon Township Hall in Copemish, on October 26, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is a scheduled meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday ,November 3 , 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by seconded by to adjourn the meeting at P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk