

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 7:30 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 Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, Deputy Clerk Joy Hutchinson, Dave Yarnell of the Manistee News Advocate, and Tom St Dennis.

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

The minutes of the September 1, 2010 Regular meeting and September 20, 2010 Special meeting of the 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the September 2, 2010 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file.

Correspondence was received from various sources and given to each board member to read and initial.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were three receipts issued during the month of September. The complaint of abandoned trailers in the area of M-55 & US 31 has been resolved. The secondary structure on a parcel on Schoedel Road has been removed, and that complaint resolved. There is no appeal scheduled for November.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, responded to four fire and eight medical runs during the month of September. There was a total of 135 man hours during the month of September.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated that due to the nice weather there have been no changes to any liquor licensees during the past month of September.

Supervisor Anderson attended the Oaks Prison Liaison Meeting. The Oaks has 1086 prisoners at this time. There are 212 prisoners receiving mental health treatment at this time. The Critical Incidents have fluctuated in the past three months, with four incidents in July, eight incidents in August and eleven incidents in September. The Oaks is feeding their prisoners on \$2.52 per day. The next meeting of the Oak Prison Liaison Committee will be April 7, 2011.

Dennis Bjorkquist stated the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on December 14, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, for Grant awards. The reappraisal of the gaming facility has been completed, and the PILT funds were released to local units of government. Manistee Township will receive \$3,571.00 less in this payment, compared to previous payments of PILT funds.

A preconstruction meeting was held on October 11, 2010 for the Bridge Street project. Due to changes in concrete warranty requirements, cement poured after October 15 must be kept above freezing for 28 days after the pour. If this is not done, the cement will not be guaranteed. It was the consensus opinion of the engineer, and contractor the best solution would be to wait until the spring of 2011, to complete the Bridge Street project. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Smith to extend the contract with the DNRE grant, and the contractor for one year from the date of expiration of March 2011. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Early in 2010 Jerry Peterson Manager of the MCRC stated we could have someone clear walking paths on the road ends on Bar Lake and Lake Michigan if they had insurance. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to allow brushing of a walking path on the road ends along Bar Lake and Lake Michigan. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting room chairs and a meeting table have been discussed. Dinsen provided drawings of the table configuration, with a price quote and wood sample. Also meeting room chair samples were in place, with price quotes. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to purchase seven high back chairs, and the meeting table from Jackpine, as provided in the quotes. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bjorkquist stated the Bar Lake outlet barrier free viewing platform will be started with sheet metal soon. There again, concrete cannot be poured this fall.

Snow plowing bids were advertised, received and opened from three companies.

Four wheel drive pick up Front end loaders Sander
Grimm's Snow Removal \$35.00/hour \$90.00/hour \$13.00/50#
Forbes Sanitation \$35.00/hour \$60.00/hour \$35.00/hour
G O Lawn Care Service \$35.00/hour \$60.00 (bobcat) \$30.00/hour

After discussion it was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to accept the bid of Forbes Sanitation. They have provided excellent service in the past. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Due to a conflict it was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to change the November Manistee Township Board meeting to Wednesday, November 3, 2010

at 7:30 P.M.. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Annual Meeting and Education Seminar of the Michigan Townships Association will be held in Grand Rapids on January 26 through January 29. Board members who can attend are urged to accept this opportunity.

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

In other business Clerk Dinsen stated she has submitted her letter of resignation to board members, effective November 30, 2010. Dinsen has served as Clerk for 28 years and four years prior to that as Deputy Clerk. Procedures for filling the position were discussed. Action was postponed until the November 3, 2010 Manistee Township Board meeting.

In public comment Tom St Dennis of River Road stated he appreciated the township working on the River Road project, and hopes there can be some resolution to the deteriorated condition of River Road. Dontz had attended the monthly MCRC meeting on October 14. He was assured that written options would be forthcoming to the Manistee Township Board on River Road.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. This is the last meeting of this calendar year for the chapter.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 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 4, 2010 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 first Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 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 Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk