

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M. Dontz, Darlene Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present were Clarence Smith, Chuck Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, County Commissioner Shari Wild, MCRC Manager Jerry Peterson, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Revolt, Danielle Revolt, Jesse , and Zoning Administrator Rob Marble.

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

The minutes of the September 17, 2003 regular meeting and September 22, 2003 Special Board meeting of the Manistee Township Board were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The minutes of the October 2, 2003 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the October 7, 2003 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board 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.

No one from the public had an item to bring before the board.

County Commissioner Wild stated the County Commissioners are struggling with budget cuts.

Zoning Administrator Rob Marble reported the Planning Commission has been extremely busy. They have had a regular meeting and a Public Hearing this month, and will have a workshop session on the October 16, and another Public Hearing on September 23, 2003.

Assistant Chief Paul Revolt reported the Manistee Township Fire Department had five meetings and seven calls during the month of September. This totaled to 153 man hours for the men of the department. The Manistee Township Fire Department had their annual Oaks Prison training in September. They also participated in the Fire Prevention program with other Manistee County Fire Departments.

Liquor Inspector Dennis Bjorkquist stated all establishments are still open,

however as the weather declines, the licensees will begin to close for the winter season.

Bjorkquist noted the Revenue Sharing Board will hold a Special meeting on October 23, 2003, at 5:00 P.M. for discussion on possible bylaw changes.

MCRC Manager Jerry Peterson, stated if Manistee Township buys the stone, the MCRC will place it at the boat ramp on Bridge Street. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to purchase the stone, and have the MCRC repair the Bridge Street boat ramp. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Peterson stated the MCRC is waiting on paper work from the Forest Service, and then they can move forward on Pomeroy Road. He would like to see the road cleared to a maximum of 25 feet at the north end of Pomeroy Road, where Stronach Township resident Ricky Anderson is opposing the project. Dontz Road survey and engineering work is complete. The work on Dontz will be done in 2004. In 2004 M-110 will be returned to the MCRC from the State Highway system. The MCRC will be given \$364,000.00 to repair Lakeshore Road, prior to the takeover. Thereafter, it will become a primary road. The state will then reimburse the county in the amount of \$52,000.00 per year to maintain it as a Primary Road. Peterson stated plans are moving ahead with a centralized facility, at 9 Mile and US 31. Dinsen asked if any studies have been done on the effectiveness of this position. Construction on the facility is scheduled to begin in 2004. The Public Access poles have been erected along Lake Michigan in Manistee Township. Nordlund Engineering did the survey work.

Anderson noted the Fire Department applied for a grant to the Revenue Sharing Board for the water tank on truck 51-33, and another for several sets of turnout gear. The township applied for a grant for the replacement of the windows at the old hall.

There was an ad placed for snow plowing bids in the newspaper. One bid was received from Forbes. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to accept the bid of Forbes for snow plowing of the township buildings. The costs for 2003-2004 will be:

Four Wheel Drive truck \$25.00 per hour  
Loader \$50.00 per hour  
Sander \$30.00 per hour

All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bjorkquist asked if anyone from this board had contacted the Sheriff's Department regarding speeding and traffic control on Kott/Dontz Road. None of the board members had contacted the Sheriff's Dept. Jerry Peterson of the MCRC stated his office had numerous complaints, and recommended the

complaints contact the Sheriff's Dept.

There was discussion on the purchase of two benches for the Bar Lake Outlet. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to order two benches made of recycled material to be inscribed with Manistee Township for the Bar Lake outlet. All voting in favor. Motion carried. The benches will be ordered for placement in the spring.

The proposed calender of meeting dates for the next year was given to each board member to study. Publication is required in December.

The bills for the month of October were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to pay the bills for the month of October. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on October 22, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Planning Commission will hold a work session on October 16, and a Public Hearing on the Kemmer Road project on October 23. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the first Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk