

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Chuck Barrons, Paul Revolt, and Joy Hutchinson.

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

The minutes of the September 2, 2009 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 October. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the September 3, 2009 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.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated the county has finalized the budget, with a \$40,000.00 increase over the last fiscal year. There are a number of personnel changes and reductions at the court house, due to retirement, that will be saving some costs. There is a move underway to investigate a county wide broadband system. The problems with overcrowding at the county jail was also discussed.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there was no appeal in October, nor will there be an appeal in November. The Manistee Township Board had sent the Zoning Ordinance to the County Planning Commission in September. There were two receipts issued in each month of August and September. The County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the ordinance, with the change in the numbering system to match the state guidelines. Attorney Wilson did not have an opportunity to complete the change in the numbering. Dontz suggested the township board wait to approve the ordinance until it is properly numbered.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to thirteen fire/medical runs during the month of September. There were 114 man hours in runs, and 66 hours in training sessions. The new tanker arrived in September, and has been outfitted and put into service. The old truck has been offered for sale. Fire Prevention week began last weekend with a large

turnout for the parade, and the program held at Manistee Catholic Central.

The Oaks Prison Liaison committee met today. Clara Saari and Supervisor John Anderson attended the meeting. The Oaks currently has 370 employees, and 1089 prisoners. Due to retirement there will be 14 new officers coming into the Oaks. If the state budget remains in this format there will be an \$841.00 cut per prisoner - amounting to nearly a million dollars cut for this facility. There were four critical incidents in July, seven incidents in August, and seven incidents in September. The Oaks is looking for volunteers to help with church services, AAA meetings, horticulture lessons, and others.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Verbal presentations of grant requests will be heard at this time. Grant requests will be dispersed at the December 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009-closed session. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The DEQ Bridge Street Grant project is still be reviewed at the State level. Bjorkquist would like to seek alternate help in getting this project off the review list.

The corner of M55 and US 31 has been an eyesore with no grass cutting or other maintenance. Bjorkquist contacted the state on a request for service, and it was referred to MDOT offices in Cadillac. Treasurer Smith stated the Manistee Township Garden Club would like to have permission to keep that area clean next year, and perhaps plant some flowers.

Dinsen had checked on having the trees removed in front of the hall, and replaced with smaller nursery stock. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to have the two trees removed at a cost of \$150.00. All voting in favor. Motion carried. New trees will be purchased and placed in the spring.

Zoning Administrator Finout stated the Manistee County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the new zoning ordinance, with the change in the numbering system to match the state guidelines. The ordinance could be adopted with the provision the numbering system would be changed to comply; or adopted with the numbering system intact, and amend it when the numbering change is made; or not adopt it until the change of numbering was made. Attorney Wilson did not have an opportunity to change the numbering within the

completed ordinance. Therefore, Dontz suggested the township board wait until the numbering is changed before the ordinance is adopted.

Snow plowing bids will be advertised and bids acted on at the November meeting. Specifications are ready for anyone wishing to pick them up from the office.

Treasurer Smith asked for adoption of the following resolution allowing her to bank with National City, Huntington Bank, West Shore Bank, West Michigan Bank and Trust, Northwest Bank, Filer Credit Union, Members Credit Union, and Honor State Bank.

Resolution to Invest General Funds Dollars in Local Banks

Whereas, the Township of Manistee, a Michigan Municipality, 410 Holden Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660 invests funds in Certificates of Deposit at local financial institutions.

Whereas, the Township of Manistee currently uses National City, Huntington Bank, West Shore Bank, West Michigan Bank & Trust and Northwestern Bank

Whereas, the Township Treasurer would like to be able to purchase Certificates of Deposits up to the FDIC insured limits at Honor State Bank, Filer Credit Union, and Members Credit Union

Whereas, the Township will have three signatures on file for each of the Certificates of Deposit, each signature will be a member of the Manistee Township Board

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Manistee Township Board authorizes the Manistee Township Treasurer to invest General Fund dollars into any and all financial institutes listed above.

Motion made by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. None opposed. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution is duly adopted on the eighth day of October 2009.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

I, M. Rebecca Dinsen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the October 9, 2009 Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

The lodging reservation forms for the annual MTA conference which will be held in Grand Rapids in January are due this week. Board members who feel they can attend will need to complete the forms, and return them to Clerk Dinsen.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Manistee County Road Commission building, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 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 5, 2009 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 4, 2009, 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 8:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk