

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Absent Dennis R Bjorkquist. Also, present were Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Bob and Jim Schudlich.

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

The minutes of the October 9, 2008 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Dennis R Bjorkquist absent. 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. Dennis R Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the October 2, 2008 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.

In public comment Clara Kraus Saari asked that it be noted in the minutes that she felt the General Election was set up well, and run with professionalism that resulted in a smooth day for all Manistee Township voters.

In further public comment she feels the township board should make plans to pay the elected board members a salary that reflects the work they are expected to do. This matter will be addressed at budget formation time.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to nine fire/medical runs during the month of October. There was a total of 210 man hours, as there was a lot of truck repair during the month of October.

Through Supervisor Anderson, Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist reported there have been two closings of liquor licensees in the Heathlands, and Insta Launch Campground, This makes significant changes liquor licensees during the month of October.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on December 8, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The Board is attempting to schedule a special meeting if they can get legal clarification on issues facing the Revenue Sharing Board.

The Bridge Street Boat Launch grant is a work in progress. Treasurer Smith stated the electronic transfer of funds has been set up with the State of Michigan, which is one prerequisite to this project.

It was agreed to send a letter to the Manistee County Road Commission on the lack of remedification of the poor seal coating, which was done in 2007. Although work had been discussed in the spring of 2008, with Manager Gerry Peterson, the stones were swept up and hauled away, and nothing else has been done.

The totals on the Household Hazardous Waste Day were distributed to board members. Manistee Township residents contributed 2,734 pounds of the total of 20,727 pounds, of household hazardous waste.

Clerk Dinsen reported on the General Election Day, with precinct workers totaling more than 180 hours of service, for a payroll of \$1,538.63 for Manistee Township precinct workers. There were 1157 voters in the precinct, and 484 absent ballots returned by election day. There were 1641 voters for a 68% turnout, with 30% of those voting using absent ballots. The election has not yet been certified by the Board of Canvassers. After the certification, there are plans for a recount on the ambulance millage which was defeated by 10 votes, the county wide.

Manistee Township Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on the Proposed Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. A copy of the proposed ordinance and zoning map are available to the public at the Manistee Township Hall, during regular business hours, or by appointment.

The proposed meeting dates for 2009 were distributed to board members. They will also go to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

A newsletter is being prepared for the December 1, 2008 tax bills. Articles should be sent to the Clerk for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Their next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the

second Thursday, December 11, 2008, 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. All voting in favor. Dennis R Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk