

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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, Frank Figgles of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and Keith Brown of PEG.

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

The minutes of the October 8, 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 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Frank Figgles of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians introduced himself to those in attendance. He requested on behalf of the tribal unit that Manistee Township allow a street light at Dontz Road and the entrance to the housing unit. Presently there are twenty-two occupied units, seven in construction, and another ten to fifteen units will be added in 2010. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to allow the LRBOI to install, maintain, and pay all costs of a street light at the junction of Dontz Road and Shaw Be Quo Ung LRB 1186. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Keith Brown of PEG noted Channel 2 will go blank, and the Public Access Television channel will be Channel 97 or 98. This will allow Charter to install a HD channel in the Channel 2 spot.

Planning Administrator Guy Finout noted there was one receipt/permit for a new house in October. There was no appeal for November, and does not appear there will be an appeal in December. The new Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance has been forwarded to Kurt Schindler for the renumbering, and should be back to the township at the end of November.

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

John Dunlap, Fire Chief stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of

October. There are nine EMT's in the Manistee Township Fire Department. They would like to form a First Responder Rescue squad. They would use Truck 35 and equip it to respond to medical emergencies. Presently Medical Control at West Shore Hospital does not page or allow Manistee Township EMT's to respond to any medical incidents in Manistee Township, because they are not designated as a First Responder Rescue Squad. There was a great deal of discussion on the proposal, however before an informed decision can be made there needs to be more specific information on insurance, costs of equipment, truck specification, training for the EMT's, pay of the responders, responsibilities of the township, and the need for this service in Manistee Township. Dunlap will be back with more specific information at the December meeting.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the Insta Launch has closed within the past month, however all other liquor licensees are still operating as usual.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Verbal presentations were given in October. Grants will be dispersed at this December meeting.

Per Dennis Bjorkquist the Bridge Street Boat Launch project is now in the hands of Nordlunds according to Jordan Byelich of the DEQ. State Representative Dan Scripps office was consulted, and agreed to check on this, and there has been no response from their office.

The Manistee Township Board solicited bids for snow removal from the Fire Hall, and the Township Hall. Bids were received from G & O Lawn Care, Forbes, and Carrier Excavating. Bids were opened, copied, and distributed to board members. After study of the bids it was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to award the snow plowing bid to Forbes Excavating for the 2009-2010 winter season. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith, Dinsen and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen distributed proposed meeting dates and schedules for the 2010 calendar year. Board members will have time to reconcile their personal calendars with the proposed meeting dates, prior to publication deadlines.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on the third Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

Manistee County Road Commission Building.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals

Board will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 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 7:00 P.M. and Thursday, December 3, 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 second Thursday, December 10, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk