

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 7:00 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 was Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, John Mencarelli of PEG, and John White.

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

The minutes of the October 18, 2007 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 November. 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 October 11, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting and the minutes of the October 16, 2007 Manistee Township Public Hearing were received. The minutes were accepted and placed on file.

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

Clara Kraus Saari was congratulated on her achievement of becoming a Citizen Master Planner, through Michigan State University Cooperative Extension courses. Well done!

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to fourteen fire/medical runs during the month of October 2007. The question of having non-relative cadets serve at the Fire Department was discussed. There is a question of allowing them to train with the department. According to our insurance carrier, they would not be allowed to be on any runs with the active firemen.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. Bjorkquist anticipates the month of November will bring closure of a number of establishments, due to the winter weather.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Oaks Prison Liaison quarterly meeting will be held in January 2008.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board met on November 5, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Grants were awarded at that time. The next meeting of the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will be February 11, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Court House, Commissioners Room, for the organizational meeting.

Zoning Administrator Rob Marble was not at the meeting in time to comment on the Zoning office activities.

It was moved by John Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to adopt the Manistee Township Planning Commission Procedures and Bylaws as revised by Attorney Richard Wilson, and approved by the Manistee Township Planning Commission. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The DEQ wording on the resolution to grant a matching grant for the Bridge Street boat launch project has not arrived. The process will call for reimbursement with the township making the expenditure and the grant reimbursing for costs incurred .

Consumers Energy had asked the township to allow for removal, not installation, of two street lights at Manistee Blacker Airport. Two lights were taken out during the construction of the new building, drive and parking lot, and the contract must be amended to reflect that change. There have been complaints on the brightness of the lights near the terminal as they extend down River Road. Drivers heading west on River Road are nearly blinded by the lights. Airport Manager Bill House will be asked what can be done about this situation.

Dinsen reminded Manistee Township residents living in the Onekama School District that today is Election Day, for the Onekama School Bond Election. Many voters had been at the Manistee Township Hall, and called if they voted at Manistee Township.

It was noted the construction on US 31 north by the State Highway Department has been completed, and US 31 is open to traffic.

The Manistee Township Zoning Map on the wall is a work in progress with the revised ordinance.

Due to the Michigan Township Association State Educational Seminar, being held January 8 through January 12, 2008, Manistee Township will need to change their January meeting. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to change the January meeting of the Manistee Township Board to the first Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on January 23, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 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 13, 2007, 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 Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk