

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2008 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, and John Mencarelli 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 November 10, 2008 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the November 4, 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.

County Commissioner Ed Haik spoke on the proposed ATV/ORV Ordinance which the county is contemplating. According to the proposed state ordinance ATV/ORV's would be allowed on the roadway at speeds not to exceed 25 mph. Manistee County Prosecutor is investigating if Manistee County can adapt and adopt a revised state ordinance with a number of safety corrections. Any change will come in 2009. The County Board of Commissioners has a number of appointments coming up including the Manistee County Road Commission, Library Board, and others.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were five permits issued in October, none in November, and none in the first nine days of December. The Planning Commission appointed a sub committee of Attorney Richard Wilson, Zoning Administrator Guy Finout and Planning Chairperson Jack Dinsen to review the proposed final touches to the Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance, so it can be approved by the Planning Commission and send it on to the Township Board.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to ten fire/medical runs during the month of November, for a total of 180 man hours. The firemen insulated the fiberglass windows in the garage portion of the fire hall. One furnace in the fire hall was replaced, and the other cleaned, and serviced.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. Douglas Valley will remain open until the first of the year, with a nice operation.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on January 12, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. This is the meeting where the third most affected unit will be selected to sit on the Revenue Sharing Board.

The Bridge Street Boat Launch grant is still on the desk of Jason Byelich. He is going over the engineering reports.

A letter was sent to the Manistee County Road Commission on the inferior seal coating job in Manistee Township. According to Manager Gerald Peterson's letter of reply to Manistee Township, the oil was bad on Pine Creek Road, and that road will be re done in the spring of 2009. As board members noted, Hill Road, Piney Road, and others have huge patches of bare unprotected road surface where the stones did not adhere. Either the oil was bad, the stones the wrong type, or both.

Clerk Dinsen noted there will be a recount December 10, 2008, of the West Shore ambulance millage request, which was defeated by 10 votes county wide. The recount will be held at Stronach Township Hall at 10:00 A.M..

Supervisor John W Anderson stated the Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on Friday, December 12, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. for the correction of Errors and Omissions.

The proposed meeting dates for the Manistee Township Board were given to board members. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to advertise the following schedule on meetings for the 2009 calender year. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street unless otherwise advertized. The meeting dates of the Manistee Township Zoning Board will be:

January 6, 2009(First Tuesday) July 2, 2009
February 5, 2009 August 6, 2009
March 5, 2009 September 3, 2009
April 2, 2009 October 1, 2009
May 7, 2009 November 5, 2009
June 4, 2009 December 3, 2009

The Manistee Township Board will meet on the SECOND Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, unless otherwise advertized. The meeting dates of the Manistee Township Board will be:

January 8, 2009 July 1, 2009 (First Wednesday)
February 4, 2009 (First Wednesday) August 13, 2009
March 12, 2009 September 2, 2009 (First Wednesday)
April 9, 2009 October 8, 2009
May 14, 2009 November 4, 2009 (First Wednesday)
June 11, 2009 December 10, 2009

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meets on the FIRST Tuesday of the month, if there is an appeal. The meetings are posted at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee.

It was announced, with appreciation, the Little River Revenue Sharing Board granted \$50,000 to Manistee Township Fire Department for replacement of a 30-year-old tanker truck! Fire Chief John Dunlap had bid specifications ready for the past four years, and contacted the people with projected costs at this time. The costs now range from \$130,000.00 to \$170,000.00 for a truck. After discussion it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to authorize Fire Chief John Dunlap to solicit bids, and have them ready for the January 8, 2009 Manistee Township Board meeting. The plan would be to use the Revenue Sharing Grant of \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 from the truck replacement fund to purchase the new truck. The 30-year-old truck will then be sold to another department. Smith, Dinsen, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson stated there was vandalism to the playground equipment this summer. The case worker for the children would like the township to provide an opportunity for the children to preform community service. Smith, Anderson, & Dinsen will meet with them.

The current bills for the month of December were presented.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of December. 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 21, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 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, January 8, 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 8:28 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk