

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, December 10, 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Dan Revolt, Paul Revolt, Tom Johnson, Jim Henderson, 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 November 4 , 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 November. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the November 5, 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.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were four receipts written in November. There will be no January Appeal meeting. Finout asked for board support for him to pursue his Certified Zoning Administrator accreditation. One prerequisite would be for him to become a Master Planner. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to allow and allocate funds for Finout to pursue his Master Planner status at a cost of \$240.00, as a prerequisite to becoming a Certified Zoning Administrator. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four (4) training sessions, and responded to three (3) fire/medical runs during the month of December, for a total of 142 man hours.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. Insta Launch and the Heathlands are both closed at this time.

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. Grants will be awarded at this meeting. There will be discussion on the definition of a gaming facility.

The Bridge Street boat launch is still in the planning stages, with a request for a soil erosion permit being submitted to Nordlunds for the site.

The Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance was codified by Kurt Schindler to reflect state standards. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adopt the Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance. Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Dontz, Anderson voting in favor. Smith opposed. Motion carried.

Fire Chief John Dunlap provided information on the costs of equipping the brush rig, as a first responder unit for Manistee Township. Discussion followed on the requirements for forming a "Certified Rescue Unit". According to the firemen present there must be at least six qualified personnel to start a unit, and Manistee Township Fire Department has seven qualified people interested in the project. Bjorkquist asked if the equipped truck, personnel, and certification would be accepted by West Shore Medical Control Board. The West Shore Medical Control Board does not have to accept a Manistee Township Recuse Unit. Board members asked for information on how the certified Rescue Unit is formed and what are the responsibilities of the Fire Department and the Township. Jim Henderson a paramedic with the department, at this time, explained the Michigan State Inspector will be at West Shore Hospital. Henderson will take any questions we have written down to this inspector for help in answering. It was noted according to the township insurance carrier this is a unique situation. As Michigan state certified first responders, EMT's, and paramedics are licensed by the state of Michigan and are legal to respond everywhere, except in Manistee County, where the West Shore Medical Control Board says they must be in a "Certified Rescue Unit" approved by the said board, to respond to any medical incident.

The street light allowed for installation at the junction of Dontz Road and Shaw Be Quo Ung LRB 1186, with the LRBOI paying all costs, must be installed by the Township according to Consumers Energy. Anderson will contact Mr Frank Figgles, and see if they wish to pursue this option of prepayment and a yearly billing.

The calender of the meetings of the Manistee Township Planning, Appeals, and Board of Trustees was presented. Adjustments were made to the calender and it was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to advertise the calender as corrected. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson noted there will be a Parliamentary Procedure Class at the Manistee Township Hall on January 11, 2010. All board members are encouraged to attend this educational meeting.

The Manistee Township Board of Review will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of correcting Errors and Omissions.

The current bills for the month of December were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 Manistee County Road Commission Building, on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 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, January 7, 2010 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 14, 2010, 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 8:35 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk