

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, December 11, 2003, at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M. Dontz, Darlene Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present were Charles Gregg, Clarence Smith, Clara Kraus Saari, Jesse Bertram, Josh Elliott, Jarrod Bishop, Bette Bishop, Paul Revolt, John Mencarelli, Gregg Gielczyk, and Zoning Administrator Rob Marble.

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

The minutes of the November 5, 2003, Manistee Township Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of December. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 4, 2003 Manistee Township Planning Commission and the minutes of the December 2, 2003 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were presented to each board member. Due to getting the minutes on meeting day, the minutes were not accepted at this time.

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

Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, reported the Zoning Appeals Board had approved a request on December 2, 2003 from Bette Noteware. The proposed PUD at Kemmer Road and US 31 is progressing. The work on the revision of the Zoning Ordinance is at a standstill with the holidays. The land at 1130 E Parkdale may be developed into a dentist office.

Paul Revolt, Assistant Fire Chief, reported Manistee Township Fire Department held four meetings and answered 12 calls for assistance. Fifty-one (51) man hours were spent at meetings, and seventy-nine (79) man hours were on assistance calls. Mark Shinski is a new probationary fireman.

Dennis Bjorkquist, Liquor Inspector, stated all establishments were open last month. He expects the Heathlands Golf course to be closed in December.

Bjorkquist explained the Revenue Sharing Board met on December 8, 2003. There is a stalemate with Mr. McNeilly's position on the withholding PILT funds from Manistee Area Public Schools. At his time Manistee Area Public Schools plans to sue the Revenue Sharing Board. Bjorkquist was thanked for his hard work, and good job on the Revenue Sharing Board.

Dinsen reported the contract has been signed with Consumers Energy to install a street light at the corner of Holden and Bridge, on the existing power pole.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to replace the water tank on Fire Truck 51-33, the only off road tanker in the fire department, with a steel tank. The cost will be \$7,456.00, and will have a ten-year guarantee. Bjorkquist, Dinsen, Dontz, Smith, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. The tank will be replaced as soon as possible. The replacement of the tank was written in an application to the Revenue Sharing Board, which was not granted. The funds will come from Major Equipment Fund.

The benches for the Bar Lake outlet will be ordered in the six-foot length.

Marble has had correspondence on the Heathlands Condo project, and he will provide that information to us for the next meeting.

The meeting dates for the 2004 calendar year were discussed. There were changes to the township board meeting dates. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to adopt the following meeting date calendar for 2004. 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 Planning Commission will be:

January 7, 2004 (first Wednesday) July 1, 2004
February 5, 2004 August 5, 2004
March 4, 2004 September 2, 2004
April 1, 2004 October 7, 2004
May 6, 2004 November 4, 2004
June 3, 2004 December 2, 2004

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 noted or advertized. The meeting dates of the Manistee Township Board will be:

January 8, 2004 February 4, 2004 (1st Wednesday)
March 17, 2004 (3rd Wednesday) April 8, 2004
May 13, 2004 June 10, 2004
July 8, 2004 August 12, 2004
September 15, 2004 - (3rd Wednesday) October 7, 2004
November 10, 2004 - (2nd Wednesday) December 9, 2004

If there are changes required during the calendar year - they will be published as needed.

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

Francis Bartosiewicz is retiring from the Manistee Township Board of Review, after serving since 1981. There were three applicants for the vacant position on the Board of Review, including Todd Mallison, John Carter, and Clara Kraus Saari. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to appoint Todd Mallison to the Manistee Township Board of Review to fill the unexpired term. All voting in favor. Motion carried. This and all Board of Review appointments will expire on December 31, 2004.

The Manistee County Road Commission has asked that we approve a meeting date with them. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to meet with the Manistee County Road Commission on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission offices. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Any road projects, or maintenance concerns will be presented to the Road Commission at that time.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to approve the recommendation of the Manistee Township Fire Department, to appoint Jack Watson as Secretary, and Paul Revolt as Assistant Chief of the Department. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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.

It was noted the leaf dumpster will be removed this week. There will be a Christmas tree dumpster provided the second week of January 2004.

The recycling dumpster is being filled at least once a month.

It was noted the Manistee Township Fire Department has a pump, to "pump down" any city fire hydrants they may use during the winter months. This will keep the hydrants from freezing up.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 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, 2004, 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 Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk