

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, December 14, 2006 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 was Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Keith Brown of PEG, and Fire Chief John Dunlap.

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

The minutes of the November 9, 2006 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 Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 2, 2006, and December 7, 2006 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the December 5, 2006 Manistee Township Zoning Appeal Board 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.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the planning office has been quiet.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of November. There was a total of 138 man hours in maintenance at the department during the month of November.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on January 8, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for the Biennial Selection meeting. The 2% for this grant cycle was received in the amount of \$1,154,104.36 the second largest amount ever.

Supervisor Anderson talked with Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission regarding the proposed county wide meeting date of January 17, 2007. Manistee Township Board members will not be attending a meeting at 9:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M., to listen to all fourteen townships discuss their projects. Peterson will meet with the Manistee Township Board at a regular meeting. After discussion it was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to ask Peterson to come to a meeting with the Manistee Township Board on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 6:45 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen noted the tables approved for purchase at the last meeting, will be delivered on

Monday, December 18, 2006.

The Winter edition of the Manistee Township Newsletter was compiled by Dinsen, printed, folded, and placed in the December 2006 Tax bills.

Correspondence was received from the Manistee Recreation Association stated 13% of those using the MRA services are from Manistee Township. They would like Manistee Township to pay the amount of \$10,366.00 for the years of 2007 & 2008. This amount will be considered at the time our budget is formulated. Presently the amount is \$9,000.00, per year. The MRA will be asked for a complete list of users.

The list of proposed meeting dates was presented. The only change for 2007 was the September 13 meeting will be changed to September 5, 2007. The meeting dates will be published as approved.

Consumers Energy has asked permission to remove a street light in the parking lot area of the Manistee Blacker Airport. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to remove the street light at the location presented in the resolution. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor John Anderson stated the Manistee Township Fire Department has recommended the appointment of Paul Revolt as Assistant Chief, and Tom Maier as Secretary. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to approve the recommendation of the Manistee Township Fire Department of Paul Revolt as Assistant Chief, and Tom Maier as Secretary. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen had been contacted about a possible tax abatement on property located in Manistee Township. She had provided material on tax abatements to the board members, however the firm interested in the abatement has not contacted the township of any further interest.

The Rural Planning meeting of MDOT in Cadillac on December 6, 2006 was not attended by a board member. Bjorkquist and Dinsen had talked with David Langhorst, of MDOT and Dinsen had sent a letter from the Manistee Township board. MDOT is very aware of the position and problems within Manistee Township.

The current bills for the month of December were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz 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 31, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be on Tuesday,

January 2, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, IF there is an Appeal.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on January 8, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for the Biennial Selection meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a meeting with the Manistee County Road Commission Manager on January 11, 2007 at 6:45 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk