

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 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, Chuck Barron, Dan Revolt, Sally Reckow, and Jerry Peterson of the Manistee County Road Commission.

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

The minutes of the January 14, 2010 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010.

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

Jerry Peterson manager of the Manistee County Road Commission presented a spreadsheet of all the accounts for Manistee Township Primary and local roads. Each account indicated where funds had been spent in the township. There were questions on what some of the accounts indicated, and where in the township work had been done. Onekama Township is interested in pursuing the resurfacing of Farr Road. Although the majority of the road is in Onekama Township, it does service property in Manistee Township. An estimate will be created by Peterson, and forwarded to Manistee Township. The annual list of Manistee Township maintenance and construction projects was presented to Peterson. Each item was discussed briefly.

1. Road ends and Public Access on Bar Lake and on Lake Michigan need work, to indicate they are being maintained. The Township can hire a private contractor, and with proof of insurance the MCRC will allow us to maintain these road ends.
2. An estimate on reconstruction of River Road from the highway to Coho Bend will be provided, to Manistee Township.
3. Peterson agreed McNeil Road does become a bog each spring and could use upgrading.

4. Kott /Dontz Road is fair at each end and very rough in the middle. This is a Primary Road. Tribal road funds will become available this year, and it may get some work, or the MCRC will get special funds in 2014 and then it would be upgraded.

5. According to Peterson there has been claying, grading and graveling of E/W portion of Kemmer Road Falk Road, Virgil Johnson Road, Asp Road, Scott Road and Guenthardt Road.

7 The junctions of Dontz Road & M-22, Brickyard Road & M-55, Mathison Road & M-55, will be checked by MDOT for the double arrow signs. There were double arrow signs at these "T" intersections and they have been removed. Kott Road and Lakeshore Road do not have a double arrow indicating the roadway ends.

8. We are aware of only two reflectorized posts strips, in Manistee Township, that were bought with Revenue Sharing money. Several intersections could benefit from them. Peterson said they cannot be used at junctions with State Highways.

9. The alley between Fowler and Park Street in Parkdale is a continuously washing unto Holden Street. Peterson will look at putting a lip on the alley, or another way of keeping the gravel off Holden. In 2005 it was stated millings could be added to the sand to keep it in place. If this was done, it has not worked.

10. The bike path on Lakeshore near the outlet has deteriorated and is sand covered. The path has disintegrated along Greys Hill and the area of the Bar Lake outlet. This is a designated bike path to Onekama & used greatly, with bicyclist riding in the roadway.

11. The railroad tracks on US 31 near Lakeshore Road will be reconstructed in the fall of 2010.

12. Holden Street between Bridge and Park is a trough, with water standing, and major potholes.

13. Piney Road between Maplewood & Balsam has a berm with trees close to the roadway, and creates a narrow road.

14. US 31 through Parkdale was resurfaced in 2005. US-31 from the Olsen Hill area north to Coates Hwy. was resurfaced and extended to four lanes in 2007. There will be work from Coates Hwy. north to Bear Lake in 2012. Then there are no plans for anything on US 31 in Manistee County, by MDOT.

15. Peterson noted the LRBOI plans to black top Domres Road from M-22 to just past their tribal justice office. The work will be done this year. Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the month of January was very

quiet with no permits issued.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to four fire/medical runs during the month of January, for a total of 87 man hours. There is interest in truck 51-32, with people coming to look at it within the week.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 5:15 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. This will be the organizational meeting of the Little River Revenue Sharing Board. The distribution of PILT funds is in question with the lack of an Equalization Director, and Certified Assessor.

The DNR Bridge Street Grant process is still on hold. The project was submitted to the Explore the Shores Grant application, for possible consideration.

Copies of a proposed contract for the use of the county wide pool, were received and given to each board member to consider. The cost to Manistee Township is \$22,584.00. The matter was discussed with no action taken.

It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to pay \$1,075.00 to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held on August 21, 2010. This will give all township residents a place to dispose of household hazardous materials. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to contribute \$450.00 to the United Veterans Council for distribution of flags for our Veterans. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The current bills for the month of February were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to pay the bills as they are received for the month of February. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. This is a change of location.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 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, February 4, and Thursday, March 4, 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, March 11, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Clara Kraus Saari was recognized and stated she appreciated and supported the Manistee Township Board planning to keep the road ends and public access open, maintained and available to Manistee Township residents.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk