

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 4, 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, Dwayne Anderson, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Dan Revolt, John Mencarelli of PEG, Jim and Bob Schudlich.

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

The minutes of the January 8, 2009 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 January. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting will be approved at their meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2009. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 and there are no minutes as of now.

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

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the Zoning Appeals Board met on February 3, and denied a request for a small structure in a high risk zone, that extended into the setbacks. The Zoning office issued three receipts for the month of January. Finout, and Jack Dinsen met with Attorney Wilson on the Zoning Ordinance, and hope to iron out the draft soon.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of January 2009. Dunlap explained the process of making ID cards for each fire department member, as required by law. They will be making them as a paid service to other fire departments.

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 February 9, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The meeting will consist of electing the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary for the Board, and setting the meeting dates for the next year. The Little River Revenue Sharing Board has retained legal counsel for some of the questions no one seems to answer at the state level.

It was noted the Manistee County Road Commission Manager, Jerry Peterson will meet with the township board, and interested residents on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. This will be ½ hour before the regular meeting of the township board.

Manistee Township has considered changing to a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year. The Michigan Department of Treasury suggests we plan one fiscal year at 15 months, and thereafter have a 12-month fiscal year beginning July 1 and running through June 30 of the following year. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to pass a resolution to move Manistee Township to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year, by making the next budget extend from April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Revenues and expenditures from April 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009 were discussed. All board members were asked for their input and changes to the proposed budget for the next fiscal. Proposed projects, changes in costs, and decreases in revenues were considered. Supervisor Anderson asked for public comment and there was time for questions and comments. The budget will be discussed at the Manistee Township Board meeting March 12, 2009, 7:30 P.M. Jordan Byelich of the DEQ has asked for a revised agreement in regard to the Bridge Street project. The only thing changing will be the date of the application to keep it in compliance. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to authorize Bjorkquist to sign the revised and updated agreement on the Bridge Street project. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The question of township buildings lawn maintenance was discussed. Maintenance man Chuck Gregg estimates about 60 total hours from mid May to mid September is spent in grass cutting on the outer limits of the township buildings. Guy Finout has expressed interest in cutting the grass. Arrangements will be worked out. Bjorkquist expressed dissatisfaction with the time intervals of grass being cut at the corner of M55 and US 31. It was suggested to ask MCRC Manager Peterson about the right of way grass cutting schedule at the March meeting.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held August 15, 2009 at the MCRC. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to sign the contract for the Household Hazardous Waste Day at a cost of \$1,075.00 for Manistee Township. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission, asking approval of the M & W Liquor License for Douglas Station, LLC, Steve Loomis, owner. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz, to approve the M & W liquor license application for Douglas Station, LLC. Northern Naturals currently holds the license and will be moving their license to another location. The new license would allow Douglas Station to continue the operation as it has been. Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was recommended by Supervisor Anderson to appoint Dan Revolt as an alternate to the Manistee Township Board of Review. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to appoint Dan Revolt as an alternate to the Manistee Township Board of Review. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The current bills for the month of February were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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 Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the January MTA meeting were in the packet of board members.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 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, March 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 9, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon, and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., at 410 Holden Street, Manistee, and Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., at 410 Holden Street, Manistee. You may appear in person at these times, or letters may be addressed to Manistee Township Board of Review at 410 Holden Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Manistee Township Board will be with the Manistee County Road Commission Manager on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. Township residents are encouraged to attend.

Supervisor asked if there was any further business to come before the board. Hearing no further business, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk