

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 11, 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Dan Revolt, and 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 February 3, 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 March. 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 met on March 4, 2010. The approved minutes of the February 4, 2010 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were not available. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet in February.

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

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the Planning office issued four receipts in the month of February. There will be no Appeals meeting in April. Planning board members had attended two training sessions and reported on them at the March Planning Commission meeting. Land Use permit data was released by the County Planning Commission indicating a nearly 50% decline in permits over the past decade. Manistee Township falls into this category, and Finout had prepared a spreadsheet on Manistee Township permits, for the use of the Township Board.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, of the Manistee Township Fire Department stated the department held four training sessions, and responded to four fire/medical runs during the month of February. There were 65 monthly man hours, and approximately 60 hours for the Chief and Asst. Chief, in inspections and preparations.

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 Monday, March 15, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Board of Commissioners room at the Court House. The agenda will consist of the way to handle an appraisal of the LRBOI Casino property, so the Revenue Sharing Board can release PILT funds.

The Bridge Street Boat Launch was discussed. There have been complaints of boaters blocking driveways. Bjorkquist will try to get a sign to be posted offering vehicle and trailer parking in the township hall parking lot.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the non transporting rescue unit is working on Standard Operating Procedure manuals, and then they can call for the state inspection of the truck, and equipment. They anticipate having the rescue unit up and operating during the month of April.

Road Commission Manager Jerry Peterson has not provided any information on the proposed projects for 2010. Supervisor Anderson will contact Peterson on this.

The Manistee Township Board of Review met on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday of this week. They received 35 property owners. Many of those did not understand the notices, as they were printed in a new format. Written comments will be received thru the end of the week.

The current bills for the month of March were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of March. 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, March 24, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 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, April 1, 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, April 8, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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