

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 14, 2005 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, Greg Gielczyk, Ron Miller of PEG, County Commissioner Ed Haik, 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 March 16, 2005, 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 April. 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 April 7, 2005 Manistee Township Planning Commission 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.

County Commissioner Ed Haik explained the proposed ATV Ordinance developed by the Manistee County Prosecutor for the public safety, and enforcement of ATV's in Manistee County. Bjorkquist moved to approve the ordinance. Motion died for lack of support. Dontz moved to deny the ordinance, Dinsen seconded with qualifications. The second and the motion were withdrawn, due to negative wording of the motion. Moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to accept the proposed ATV Ordinance, as written. Bjorkquist voting in favor. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, and Anderson opposed. The letter attached to the Ordinance asked for comments. Supervisor Anderson was opposed to a County Wide program and would like to see it tried in a test area first. John Dontz was adamantly opposed to the ATV Ordinance stating it was destructive in causing erosion and was unsafe for the ATV riders and vehicle drivers. Bjorkquist recognized the program has glitches, but felt it should be given a chance. Dinsen was not opposed to the entire ATV program, but felt there should be a trial area, the method of permit sale and cost of enforcement had to be addressed first.

Lion Clara Kraus Saari asked the Manistee Township board to endorse the following proclamation. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to endorse this proclamation. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

A Proclamation
In observance of
April 29 thru May 7, 2005
as Lions White Cane Week

Whereas, there are more than 18,000 blind people in Michigan who are dependent upon a white Cane or a Leader Dog, and

Whereas, Governor Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed the period of April 29 through May 7, 2005 as Lions white Cane Week, and

Whereas, the Lions of Manistee are dedicated to sight conservation activities by aiding the visually impaired of all ages through eye examinations and eyeglasses for the needy. They also support Welcome Home for the blind, Leader Dogs for the blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Bear Lake Camp for the Visually Impaired Youth and other worthy community service projects; and

Whereas, the Lions of Manistee give freely of their time and effort to support sight conservation projects. Though the sale of White Cane supplies funds are raised for these worthwhile projects.

Now Therefore, as Manistee Township Board of Trustees we proclaim the period of April 29 through May 7, 2005 as LIONS WHITE CANE WEEK and urge all citizens to become familiar with the meaning and purpose of the White Cane Law, and to lend support to Lions Club projects.

John W Anderson, Supervisor Date: April 14, 2005

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated the Public Safety Board is looking at reducing the number of people on the 911 Board from eleven to seven members. The Sheriff, State Police Post Commander, a County Commissioner, and a Fire/Rescue member are the only required positions. Comment was the 911 Board should not be over loaded with law enforcement as has been the past practice.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of March.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the Insta Launch has opened. There was a request for transfer of the Spirit Harbor SDM license to Northern Pass Marathon. Treasurer Smith requested we oppose the transfer until Spirit Harbor pays their Personal property taxes. A letter will be sent to the Liquor control commission.

Clara Saari reported on the Oaks Liaison Committee meeting. The Interim

Warden has been named Warden. There are empty beds at the Oaks as a Level Four Prison, they are starting an educational program, with other new activities. The personnel from Camp Sauble closure have been absorbed into the prison system, so none of the crew has been laid off.

Anderson stated the Water samples from the buildings at Holden Street, Bridge Street and the Fire Hall came back from testing listing no contamination. With the leakage plume of chlorine from the Manistee County Road Commission there was concern for the water quality of those working and using the Manistee Township hall.

The replacement of the hazardous windows at the old hall was discussed briefly. The board members will look at the windows this month.

The Manistee County Road Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed River Road work project. The Public Hearing will be held on May 10, at 10:00 A.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission. All board members are urged to attend.

The tennis court resurfacing was discussed. It was felt we could patch the cracks to buy a year of time.

It was noted our garbage contract holder Waste Reduction is providing a paper dumpster at no charge to the township. He has a customer who has a commercial shredder, and is using the paper for animal bedding. There is a problem with contamination - with people putting trash in the recycling containers.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to renew the land lease with Jim Sievert, for the 300 feet north of the Fire Hall. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen noted the School Election will be held here on May 3. Manistee Township residents who live in the Onekama Consolidated Schools district will vote by absent ballot here. The Onekama Consolidated School district voters will vote in person at the Onekama Township Hall. The Manistee Township residents in the Manistee Public Schools will vote by absent ballot, and in person at the Manistee Township hall.

The District 8 Meeting of the Michigan Township Association will meet on May 12, 2005 at Crystal Mountain. Reservation must be in by April, 2005. Board members are encouraged to attend this educational meeting.

It was recommended by Supervisor John W Anderson, moved by Dontz, and seconded by Dinsen to reappoint John Dunlap, John Zielinski, and Dennis Switalski to three year terms on the Manistee Township Planning Commission. All voting in favor Motion carried.

It was recommended by Supervisor John W Anderson, moved by Dontz, and seconded by Smith to reappoint Ernest Hornkohl to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals board. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was recommended by Supervisor John W Anderson, moved by Dontz, and seconded by Smith to reappoint Guy Finout III to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The subject of the used surplus equipment at the township hall was discussed. It was agreed by consensus if anyone can use it, to take it and use it, otherwise we will dispose of it at the annual trash collection day.

The Annual Trash Day will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M..

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on May 16, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on April 27, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The Manistee township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an Appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, May 12, 2005, 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk