

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 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 Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Keith Brown of PEG, Sandy Saylor of the MRA, Jack Bjorkquist, John White, and Jim & 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 March 13, 2008 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 March. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the February 7 and March 6, 2008 Manistee Township Planning Commission meetings 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.

In questions and comments from the audience, Jack Bjorkquist stated he had attended the Manistee County Road Commission meeting today. Filer Township is having their seal coated roads swept. Jack Bjorkquist would like Manistee Township to keep pushing the Road Commission to fix the poor job that was done on the seal coating of Manistee Township roads. Smith suggested a letter to the MCRC, asking for proper completion of the poor seal coating job that was paid for in 2007.

John White expressed concern for the brine being used on the dirt roads in Manistee County. If it is oil well brine, there could very well be contamination. White suggested contacting another firm to do the job to avoid the possible pollution.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there will be an appeal meeting on May 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M... The Planning Commission has approved the revised draft of the Douglas Valley PUD. Finout has attended an informative DEQ meeting on flood plains, wetlands, high risk erosion, and critical dune areas.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to seven fire/medical runs during the month of March. Chief Dunlap was at a fire scene and not available for the township meeting.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there will be significant changes to liquor licensees during the next month. Golfing and camping will be starting, and those establishments will

become active. The Clark EZ Mart closed on Sunday, April 13, 2008.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on May 12, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, for the awarding of the grants.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Oaks Prison Liaison Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

The grant for the Bridge Street project is moving along, but slowly.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pass the following salary resolution.

Resolutions to Establish Township Officers Salary

Be It Resolved, that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95 (3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

Be It Resolved, that as of April 1, 2008, the salaries of the Manistee Township Board members shall be, for the 2008/2009 fiscal year and be as follows:

Supervisor: \$ 11,360.00 (exclusive of assessing duties)
Clerk: \$ 16,460.00 (adding four elections per year)
Treasurer: \$ 13,980.00 (including summer tax collection)
Trustees: \$ 2,700.00 (each)

The foregoing resolutions offered by board member, Dontz.
Seconded by board member, Bjorkquist.

At the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held April 16, 2008, upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dinsen, Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, Anderson
Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution is duly adopted on the sixteenth day of April 2008.

I, M. Rebecca Dinsen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the April 16, 2008 Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

Dinsen has procured a number of Zoning Administrator job descriptions, from neighboring counties, and across the state. These will be passed along to the Planning Commission members for their recommendation, of a suitable description.

Nordlunds & Associates Inc. has examined the Manistee Township Fire Hall. The letter stated the present configuration of the trusses and structure would not be suitable for the addition of a ceiling and insulation. There was discussion on other possible solutions. It was hope that a ceiling would reduce the heating costs.

The Manistee Recreation Association has asked Manistee Township for \$9,291.00 toward the recreation programs, which Manistee Township residents participate in. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to sign a one year contract with the Manistee Recreation Association for \$9,291.00, payable in quarterly payments. Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

The United Veterans Council asked for \$350.00 to place flags on the graves of veterans. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to contribute \$350.00 to honor the veterans with flags. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Manistee County Soil Conservation District will be hold a second annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, September 14, 2008. The cost for Manistee Township is based on 2000 population Census of 3323 people at 0.32 per person. The cost for Manistee Township participation would be \$1075.00. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to contribute to \$1075.00 toward the Hazardous Waste Collection Day. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The land lease with Jim Sievert will expire in May. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to approve the renewal of the land lease of the parcel north of the Fire Hall, with Jim Sievert. Sievert does maintain liability insurance. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was recommended by Supervisor Anderson to reappoint John Zielinski, Dennis Switalski, and John Dunlap to the Manistee Township Planning Commission. It was further recommended by Anderson to reappoint Ernie Hornkohl to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the recommendation and appoint John Zielinski, Dennis Switalski, and John Dunlap to the Manistee Township Planning Commission for three year terms, and Ernie Hornkohl to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board, for a three-year term. All voting in favor. Motion carried. All the appointed terms will expire April 30, 2011.

A reminder that Saturday, May 10, 2008 will be the Manistee Township Trash Day. There will be dumpsters for metal and dumpsters for trash. The hours will be 8:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.. Anderson will contact the Scouts for volunteers. Any other community member is welcome to volunteer.

The Manistee County Regional Summit will be held on May 1, 2008 at the Portage Point Inn. Registration must be complete by April 25, 2008. Board members interested should contact Dinsen.

Dinsen reminded those present the Manistee Area Public Schools will be holding their Annual School Election on May 6, 2008. Absent ballots are available from the Clerk. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M..

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

In public comment Jack Bjorkquist thanked the board members for their hard work in representing the people of the township. (Now that is refreshing!)

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The Manistee Public Schools and the Onekama Consolidated Schools will hold their Annual School Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M..

The next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 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, May 8, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee County Summit will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, 8:45 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., at the Portage Point Inn.

Manistee Township will hold their Trash Day on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the property north of the Manistee Township Fire Hall. Metal and trash must be separated, and there will be prohibited items as published.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk