

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 8, 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 Joy Hutchinson, Barry Elder, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Dan Revolt, Sally Reckow, 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 March 11, 2010 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 4 & March 4, 2010 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.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator furnished a written report on the activities of the zoning administrators office. There were two receipts for March, Finout is working toward his Citizen Planner Certificate, and the section Zoning Maps have been copied, and supplied to the planning office, and members of the planning commission.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of March. Twenty-two burn permits were issued during the month of March. 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.

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, April 12, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Verbal presentations of the grant applications will be received at this time. The LRBOI is in negotiations with the State of Michigan to amend the compact. There are 16

pages of changes listed, among which is the formula for the distribution of PILT funds, the definition of a local unit of government, and the definition of a gaming facility.

The DNR Bridge Street grant is still ongoing. The State has asked for a wage scale rate for the work to be done on the project. It was noted Manistee Township applied to the DNR/DEQ in 2007 for this grant, and we are still working on it. The LRBOI applied for permission to fill wetlands at Eastlake in January of 2010, and they had a Public Hearing on the project on April 7, 2010. Fast DEQ work on some projects.

The Manistee County Road Commission sent proposals on Farr Road in cooperation with Onekama Township, and a proposal on River Road, from the Highway east approximately one and one half miles. After a great deal of discussion it was suggested by Dontz to solicit a private bid on the project, to see what the private costs of the reconstruction may be. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to allow Dontz to solicit this bid, from a private contractor as a means of comparison. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Clara Kraus Saari, as Manistee County Planning Commission Chairperson reported on the DEQ Public Hearing for the LRBOI on the former Clark Equipment building and property in Eastlake. The Manistee County Planning Commission would like to have the contamination cleaned out, prior to any filling, and have the land returned to its natural form. Over all it seemed the input at the public hearing was clean up, not cover up.

A non exclusive franchise agreement was submitted to Manistee Township by Superior Energy. They would like to have permission to run natural gas lines to the northern portion of Manistee Township. Barry Elder, Lakeshore Road resident furnished some of the details of the request. It was moved by Dinsen, supported by Dontz to sign and approve the non exclusive lease with Superior Energy upon the approval of Attorney Richard Wilson. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen noted there will be a School Election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Manistee Township Hall. Absent Ballots are available.

The Twelfth Annual Manistee Township Trash Day will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Anderson will talk with the Boy Scouts for volunteers, and anyone is welcome to help on that day. Metal will be separated from trash, with each person unloading their own trash.

There is a conflict with the May Manistee Township Board meeting date. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to change the May meeting date of the Manistee Township Board to Wednesday, May 12, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The current bills for the month of April were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 Manistee County Road Commission building, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 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, May 6, 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 Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk