

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 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 Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, and John Mencarelli.

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

The minutes of the April 12, 2007 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 Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There were no proposed minutes of the May 3, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting.

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

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the first draft of the revised Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance is in the hands of the Planning Commission members. The zoning map will be done by Wade Trim, after the plan has gone thru Public Hearings and review. April was a slow month for Land Use permits, however, May is picking up fast.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of April. Four men from the Manistee Township Fire Department, and two from the Eastlake Fire Department completed the training at Manistee Blacker Airport. This training consisted of three days of classroom, one ½ days and one evening of actual training on a simulator at the airport. The men are now certified, and will require re-certification annually. Chief Dunlap stated he has applied thru FEMA grants for an aerial truck. It would require a \$17,000.00 local match. There are Forest Service, and Federal Grants coming up that Dunlap plans to apply for funds.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been significant changes to liquor licensees during the past month. All establishments are active for the summer season.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 7, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. There will be no

meetings during the summer months.

Planner, Dan Shepard of the LRBOI arrived at the meeting. He stated they have procured funds for partial funding of the improvement of Domres Road. The project will be let for bids, and will probably include paving the road as far as the first curve.

The board members asked for the exact wording change of the Solid waste Amendment. This will be included in their packet for the next meeting.

The contract from the Manistee County Road Commission was discussed. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to sign the contract for the seal coating of Manistee Township Roads. Discussion followed with a number of local roads not being on the contract, including Hill Road, Park Street, Park Lane, and ½ mile of Peterson Road instead of 1 mile. It was agreed that until the roads missing from the contract, and those with inaccurate mileage were clarified and a new contract was forwarded, Manistee Township would wait on approval. Bjorkquist withdrew his second to the motion. Dontz withdrew his motion.

Saturday, May 12 will be the Manistee Township Trash Day. Metal and other acceptable trash may be placed in the dumpsters from 8:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.. There have been news releases on the radio, in the newspaper, a classified ad, and an editorial article. Volunteers are welcome to help in addition to the Boy Scout Troop 167, members of the Manistee Township Fire Department, and township officers.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission would like a recording secretary for their meeting minutes, notices and publications. This person could also take minutes for the Zoning Appeals Board. The position will be advertized.

Bjorkquist stated the Manistee Township Recreation Plan has been sent to the State of Michigan with the grant application. Dinsen noted the Porta-John has been placed at the Bar Lake outlet.

Dinsen had figures on placing crushed stone in the area of the recycling dumpsters, and cleaning up the area. No action was taken by the board.

The West Shore College, and Manistee Public School Election was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2007. There were only 86 voters, with 14 of those being election workers, for a 13-hour day. All advertisements, public notices, accuracy tests, close of registration, close of absent ballots, and other legally required office hours have to be held as for any election. Saari asked for a cost per voter. Dinsen did not have the cost at this time.

The current bills for the month of May were presented.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Pleasanton Township Hall, on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. for the Annual Dinner meeting. All board members are invited to attend. The cost is \$9.00 per person, with reservations due by the 15th of May.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 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, June 14, 2007, 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 8:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk