

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, May 12, 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 Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Pat Bentley of Abonmarche, Keith Brown of PEG, and Mason Brown.

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

The minutes of the April 8, 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 April. 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 April 1, 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.

Mason Brown of Perry Street asked what could be done about the abandoned trailers on property located directly west of his residence. He had pictures of the trailers, and the debris surrounding them. There is a yellow pole barn that appears to attract a lot of traffic also. He will be talking with Guy Finout and will sign a formal complaint, on the problem.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of April. There was a total of 155 man hours for the month of April. The non transporting first responder unit is still in the application stage, and should be functional by the first part of June. Dunlap stated in the next three years the township will need to purchase a Class A pumper to be in compliance with fire law. The Spartan (Truck #31) is 17 years old now. Truck 33 is a 1978 tanker, and it is in the shop at this point.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the month of April.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on June 14, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. This meeting will be for the dispersing of grants.

Pat Bentley of Abonmarche introduced himself. The Bar Lake outlet has been a consideration for additional features, and to become a barrier free area since 2008. In 2009 the Alliance for Economic Success developed an Explore the Shores program, with an aim of creating 50 sites in Manistee County before 2020. These sites would allow access to Manistee County lakes, rivers, and streams. A grant in the amount of \$81,488.00 was awarded to the Bar Lake Outlet project in the fall of 2009. Abonmarche has developed a design and pricing for two barrier free parking sites, a platform, and ramp to the area of the beach. It is anticipated the project will be completed this summer, depending on the speed of the permit process. Bjorkquist moved, Smith seconded to approve the design, and contribute the \$10,530.00 Manistee Township match, for the project. Dinsen expressed concern over the blockage of beach traffic north and south, the change of flow of the outlet, with wind conditions, and the blowing sand covering the roadway and the deck. Smith, Dinsen, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Dontz voted against. Motion carried.

Bjorkquist stated the Bridge Street project is still progressing, with a question of joint ownership of the parcel with the DNRE.

After discussion of the Road Commission bid on upgrading and black topping River Road at the April meeting, Dontz volunteered to solicit bids from others on the project. The bid of the MCRC was \$638,931.05, Reith Riley bid was \$476,973.30, and Elmer's was \$487,205.60. The road is presently 20 feet wide, but the bids would make it 24 feet wide. Questions were asked if the road could be built to a 22-foot width, for a savings. Dontz will talk with Jerry Peterson of the MCRC and invite him to the June 10, 2010 meeting of the Manistee Township Board.

Dinsen reported the Manistee Area Public School election saw a 7% turnout. This was far better than 2009 School election. A move is being considered to change school elections to coincide with Primary or General Elections as a cost saving measure.

The Twelfth Annual Trash Day was held on Saturday, May 8, 2010. There were more than 100 residents who signed in, with 150 yards of trash, and 60 yards of metal being collected. Manistee Township Fire Department members, Boy Scout Troop #167 leaders and members, Bill McMullen, and township board members volunteered to make it a successful day.

Bjorkquist and Smith have co-ordinated efforts with MDOT for the Manistee Township Garden Club to work on the right of way at the corner of M-55 and US 31. They will be starting shortly as the parameters have been defined by MDOT for the project.

Dinsen explained Al Young has volunteered, and has been maintaining the

stretch of Zimmerman Lane from Lakeshore Road to Hahn Road. He would like to have a bag of a weed killer for the asphalt portion, as the weeds grow up thru the black top on the path, and cause it to crack. He has been using his own weed killer. Zimmerman Lane from Hahn Road to Hill Road has a great deal of gravel alongside of the path. If the gravel were blown off the area, he would maintain that portion also. Board members agreed by consensus, to purchase the weed killer, and check into renting a rake to clean off the gravel between Hahn & Hill Road, on Zimmerman Lane.

On a recommendation of Supervisor Anderson, it was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to appoint Clara Kraus Saari to a three-year term on the Manistee Township Planning Commission, to appoint Todd Mallison to a three-year term on the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board, and to appoint Linda Finout to a three-year term as an alternate to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. All voting in favor Motion carried.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to approve a one year extension of a land lease with Jim Sievert. The leased land is located directly north of the Manistee Township Fire Hall, on Hill Road. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution  
Liquor License

At a regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board called to order by Supervisor John W Anderson held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:30 P.M..

The following resolution was offered by Dennis Bjorkquist and seconded by John M Dontz, that the request is made by Douglas Station LLC requests a new Small Wine Maker License to be located at 5375 Douglas Valley Drive, Manistee, MI 49660 Manistee County, is considered for approval.

Voting for approval of the issuance of said license by Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dinsen and Anderson. None opposed. Resolution is approved and passed.

State of Michigan  
County of Manistee  
Township of Manistee

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Manistee Township Board at a Regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

M Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk  
410 Holden Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

The Manistee County Mutual Aid Agreement was submitted to the Manistee Township Board. On the recommendation of Fire Chief John Dunlap, it was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to sign the five-year extension of the Mutual Aid Agreement. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Revenues and expenditures from April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 were discussed. All board members were asked for their input and changes to the proposed budget for the next fiscal. Proposed projects, changes in costs, and decreases in revenues were considered. Supervisor Anderson asked for public comment and there was time for questions and comments. The budget will be discussed and acted upon at the Manistee Township Board meeting June 10, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

The current bills for the month of May were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 Bear Lake United Methodist Church, on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. for the Annual Dinner meeting. Reservations and payment of \$10.50 per person must be in by May 17, 2010.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 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, June 3, 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, June 10, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

In public comment Clara Kraus Saari stated she feels a blatant violation of the Zoning ordinance should not require a signed complaint from a township resident, to have the Zoning Administrator enforce the meaning of the zoning ordinance. Her comments were accepted and will be considered.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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