

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday at 7:30 P.M. May 12, 2011, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Revolt, County Commissioner Duane Anderson, Keith Brown of PEG, John Rozga, Jim and Bob Schudlich, Dave Yarnell.

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

The minutes of the April 14, 2011 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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 approved minutes of the April 7, 2011 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The approved minutes of the May 11, 2011 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were unavailable at the time of the meeting.

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

John Rozga gave an update on the Manistee Non-Motorized Trail System explaining that trails will interlock, Scouts will be helping and earning their Eagle Scout badges. It is hoped that Grants will be coming to help with the financing of the project. It will eventually open for cross country skiing and snow shoeing as well.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated 8 land use permits were received, 7 generated income. Lake Bluff was denied use for rentals but the nature park was approved.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 27 fire/medical runs during the month of April. 260 Man hours were involved.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month and all licenses are in operation now.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on June 13, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall to award the grants.

There was no meeting at the Oaks Prison.

The Bridge St Grant there is no update at this time.

The River Rd. Project is set to begin on May 23, 2011 provided no more rain problems.

On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to again extend the lease for another year with Jim Seivert.

On a motion by Dontz seconded Smith it was decided to approve John Zielinski, Dennis Switalski and John Dunlap to the Planning Commission and Ernie Hornkohl to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All voting in favor the motion was carried.

The sewer grant was discussed concerning the funding of the project. It was decided to call Cyndy Fuller of the Alliance for Economic Success and schedule a meeting on May 23, 2011 and invite other concerned entities for the discussion, City Mitch Deisch, County commission chair, County Administrator, the Revenue Sharing Board, and the Filer Township Board. John Dontz will contact Cyndy to set the time and date.

Discussion on the budget mentioned changes to different areas. It was decided to meet at 7:00PM on June 9, 2011 to discuss in more detail.

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

Members were reminded of the MTA annual dinner meeting on May 24, 2011 at the Pleasanton Township Hall.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on June 22, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 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 2, 2011 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 9, 2011, 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 seconded by to adjourn the meeting at P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk