

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, May 8, 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 were Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Wayne Janicki, 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 April 16, 2008 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 Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the April 3, 2008 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board met on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

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

Keith Brown of PEG, stated the West Shore Community College marketing class is conducting a telephone survey of Manistee Township, to determine if there is support for the addition of a monthly \$0.22 surcharge on subscribers bills. The surcharge would be used for equipment for PEG. Four hundred (400) Manistee Township households have been contacted with only ninety (90) connecting, or returning a message. They will continue with their effort.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to seven fire/medical runs during the month of April, for a total of 220 man hours. Burning permits are issued by Chief Dunlap, and he follows state guidelines.

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 May 12, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, for the awarding of the grants.

Manistee County Commissioner Ed Haik reported West Shore Hospital will have a 0.275 millage request on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The millage will be used to support the ambulance and EMS service. There will be a joint County Commissioner meeting with the Manistee County Road Commission on May 15, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.. Board members are urged to attend. There was discussion on the deterioration of the roads, lack of maintenance, and general lack of response from the MCRC. County Commissioner Erwin

Kowalski had asked for a millage for road repairs and maintenance. This proposal was not given the commissioner's endorsement. On the cross deputizing of the tribal officers and for the DEQ, Glenn Zaring of the LRBOI has had a guest editorial, and Haik will have a guest editorial shortly. The Attorney General office is looking at the situation, and may render an opinion.

Supervisor Anderson attended the Oaks Liaison meeting and reported the critical incidents were down to four for January, three for both February and March. Tim Ball has been named Deputy Warden. The prison will become smoke free by February 2009. There are reductions in the available products now, to make the transition.

Bjorkquist stated he had received communication from the DEQ, asking that we provide verification we have received "the authority to construct, operate and maintain the existing boat launch on the Manistee River at the end of Bridge Street." He will be contacting the Manistee County Road Commission for that verification, and then a letter so stating will be forwarded to Nordlunds for the permit application process.

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 has contacted the Scouts and Manistee Township Fire Department for volunteers. Any other community member is welcome to volunteer.

Guy Finout and Dinsen are working on the job description for the Zoning Administrator.

Dinsen reported the May 6 School Election had a 15% turnout, with 30% of those voting by absent ballot. Completed partisan township nominating petitions are due by May 13, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. The candidate must also complete and have notarized an affidavit of identity. Absent ballot applications are available for the August 5 & November 4, 2008 elections. Interested voters may contact the clerk for the applications.

The District 8 Michigan Township Association meeting will be held at Crystal Mountain on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Board members are urged to attend.

John Dontz was concerned with the front door of the hall. It expands in the evening sun, and makes it difficult to open. Dontz would also like to see the windows less cluttered with postings. He would like to see the possible construction of a sign near the curb for people to read hours, dates, and times. He will investigate the possibility. The windows must have something on them to avoid people walking into them.

Bjorkquist stated plans are progressing to make a barrier free area at the Bar Lake Outlet, along the Lake Michigan access.

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 Bear Lake United Methodist Church, on May 28, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. for their annual dinner

meeting. Reservations are required by May 16, 2008.

The next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be June 3, 2008, 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 Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 5, 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, June 12, 2008, 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 8:04 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk