

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Monday, June 1, 2009 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 Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, 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 May 14, 2009, 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 May. . It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the Manistee Township Hall.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated Janice McCraner and Clara Kraus Saari were appointed to the Manistee County Planning Commission. AmTek has been approved to establish their business in the Renaissance Zone. Manistee County Commissioners and the Dickson Township Board filed a protest of land being placed in Indian Reserve Trust in Dickson Township, due to the decline in revenue from the tax free land. Their request was denied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the land was placed in trust anyhow. The Regional Summit was held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, in Kaleva. There were a number of speakers including the members from the LRBOI Tribe. Questions persist on the Tribal DNR officers stopping non tribal members in the newly established cross deputization.

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

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were six receipts issued for the month of May. The permits were for one new home, four home additions, and one for a new fence. There was no Appeal for this month, or at this time there is no Appeal for the month of July. Finout has met with Attorney Wilson twice during May to work on the final touches of the new Zoning Ordinance. He will be meeting with him again this week.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to thirteen fire/medical runs during the month of May.

There have been five alarms for a faulty alarm at the Medical Care Facility. Chief Dunlap has talked with the maintenance and night staff on this problem. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to send a letter to the Medical Care Facility stating our township fire department man power and equipment is being abused with these repeated false alarms. Anderson, Dontz, Bjorkquist, Smith voting in favor. Dinsen opposed, stating the matter should be discussed with the Fire Chief and the Administrator at the Medical Care Facility first. Motion carried.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. The Douglas Valley operation has a blue grass concert on the porch on Sundays. It is a very pleasant spot

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on June 8, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. This will be the meeting of awarding the grants.

The matter of the Rush Creek/a.k.a. Blood Creek/Coffee Creek Drain was tabled at the May meeting and was returned to the table for discussion. Manistee County had given permission for the Manistee County Drain Commissioner to survey the county drains to the amount of \$2,900.00. However, they were not aware of the problems at this drain. A contractor has been retained, a culvert has been ordered, and the work will be funded privately by one permanent and two part time residents of the private road. The issue appears to be resolving on this private road without the assistance of Manistee Township.

Bjorkquist submitted more than 80 pages of material for the Bridge Street grant project. This has been passed on to Nordlunds and Associates for further work.

Zoning Administrator Guy Finout has developed a new complaint form for Zoning violations. Board members had received it in the packet. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist resolve that all zoning/planning complaints must be written, signed and submitted to the Zoning Administrator for any action to be taken on them. Anderson, Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith voting in favor. Dinsen opposed. Motion carried. The form will be added to the web site, as another downloadable form.

The Manistee County Road Commission is using FEMA funds to repair the culvert on west Schoedel Road, directly west of M-22. There was also other repair work done on Bar Lake Road from damage of the June 13, 2008 rain storm.

Treasurer Smith asked if the repair work on Pine Creek Road seal coating will be done by the Road Commission by the July 1, 2009 as Peterson suggested they had hoped to have it completed. She will check with the Road Commission on the progress of the seal coat repair.

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

Keith Brown of the Manistee County Public Access Television stated the meetings that are taped are then placed on the web so they can be seen 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Dinsen asked Brown why the Manistee County Commission and Manistee County Road Commission meetings are not on Public Access. Brown submitted a proposal to the Manistee County Ways and Means Committee, and it was not approved to be submitted to the Commissioners for a vote. There would be a charge to the county for the taping of the meetings, at and this time they are not interested in taping or the cost involved.

There has been misuse of the grass and leaf dumpster with people using plastic bags, instead of biodegradable bags. The plastic bags all have to be emptied, or the waste hauler is considering changing this service. Although there is a sign at the site indicating no plastic bags - the users are not following instructions. A newsletter article will be written on the problem.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is a scheduled meeting.

The next regular monthly meetings of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009, and Thursday, July 2, 2009 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, July 1, 2009, 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 Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk