

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, June 12, 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 was Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, 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 May 8, 2008 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the May 1, 2008 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were provided to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The approved minutes of the May 6, 2008 Manistee Township Zoning Appeal Board meeting were provided 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.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were six receipts issued in the Zoning office during the month of May.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of May 2008, for a total of 150 man hours. Truck #33 is still down, as a part is being manufactured for it. Dan Revolt and Dunlap attended a class at Manistee High School on catastrophic events, and school lock downs. The is concern for the Kennedy Elementary School and also the Intermediate School, located in Manistee Township.

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 October 13, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. for oral presentations of grants, at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The grant application deadline is September 12, 2008, and the grants will be awarded on December 8, 2008.

Manistee Township Trash Day was held on May 10, 2008 and saw 136 people come through the site. More than 60 cubic yards of metal and 160 cubic yards of trash were collected. The Boy Scout Troop 160, Manistee Township Fire Department members, and Township Board members volunteered, making it a successful day.

The job description for the zoning administrator position has been completed and sent to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Recaps of the District 8 Michigan Township Association meeting, the Manistee County Chapter of MTA Annual Dinner Meeting, and the Manistee County Road Commission meeting with the Manistee County Commissioners were provided to board members.

Bjorkquist showed a preliminary drawing of the proposed barrier free access improvements to the Bar Lake outlet property.

The allowable millage rate to be levied by Manistee Township is 1.4812, and not the 1.43 mills advertized in February. The difference will amount to approximately \$5,907.89 for this year. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to adopt and appropriate 1.4812 mills for Manistee Township as the taxable rate for 2008. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was noted the Energy Fair will be at the Manistee County Fair grounds on June 27-29, 2008. There will be many new items in energy conservation featured at the fair.

John Dontz provided a drawing from Amor Sign for the construction of a free standing sign/bulletin board to be erected on the west side of the parking lot, south of the entrance road. The sign would be assessable from the parking lot, and could be viewed from a vehicle. The cost would be \$4,250.00. There is concern for people walking into the glass side panels of the entrance doors in the township hall. The thought of clings, or other marking on the windows was discussed. Some board members feel the notices posted on these surfaces create the appearance of clutter. No action was taken on the proposal.

The cement pads and picnic tables for the playground area was discussed. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to purchase three picnic tables of weather resistant recycled material, and have cement pads installed with a minimum of a two-foot perimeter around the tables. Smith, Dontz, Dinsen, Bjorkquist and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. Bjorkquist will contact the person who did the steps to the upper area, and see if he can do this cement project.

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.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., if there is an appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, July 10, 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk