

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007 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 Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG and Jerry Peterson, Manager of the MCRC.

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

The minutes of the May 10, 2007 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 June. 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 May 3, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were not received.

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

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated the fiber optic cable being installed along US 31 has generated a number of calls. The State of Michigan has indicated they will no longer pay Liquor Enforcement fees to Manistee County with a loss of approximately \$62,000.00. The funds had been used for enforcement and substance abuse. The county commissioner question of three or five road commissioners looms. However, most of the commissioners are leaning toward five commissioners.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated May had been a busy month with eight permits issued. Of those permits issued four were for construction, two were for signs, one for a business, and one a renewal. There have been two permits since the beginning of June.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to fourteen fire/medical runs during the month of May. There were four false alarms, one microwave fire, four ambulance assists, for a total of nine runs involving West Shore Medical Center during the month of May. The men volunteered 142 man hours, and the Chief had approximately 30 hours.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been significant changes to the

liquor licensees during the past month, with all the establishments being open after the winter slow season.

The deadline for submitting Revenue Sharing Grants will be September 14, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.. The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will then meet on October 8, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission spoke to those in attendance regarding the seal coat program. The roads of Bridge Street, Hill Road, Park Street, Park Lane, Jerumbo Street and others were not specifically listed on the seal coat bid. Peterson stated he had clumped those roads together for the sake of mileage on the bid sheets, however they were included in the bid. Peterson Road was listed as 1 mile, and we were told it was ½ mile. Bjorkquist moved, and Dontz seconded we seal coat those roads on the list. It was asked that the missing roads should be included in the list so there was no misunderstanding. Dontz withdrew his second. Bjorkquist withdrew his motion. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to seal coat all those roads on the list, those roads such as Bridge Street, Hill Road, Park Street, Park Lane, Jerumbo Street not presently on the list, and remove those roads beyond seal coating, as listed. Bjorkquist, Smith, Dontz, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. Peterson stated that although we had signed a contract last year, the work was not completed because they ran out of time. It was asked if the project would be done this year. Peterson assured the township the seal coating would begin the second week of July.

The reconstruction of Schoedel Road for the alternate route to US 31 detour was discussed. The road is presently being curbed in spots, "hot milled" and laid back down. The road will then have 1 ½ inch of asphalt laid over it. MDOT is paying for this work.

It was asked if the clear vision corner at M-55 & US 31 could have the grass cut. Peterson stated all roadsides should be cut once before the 4th of July.

Peterson went on to explain the MDOT Classification program for winter maintenance of state highways.

The exact wording of the Manistee County Solid Waste amendment was provided to all board members. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to reject and oppose the wording change to the Manistee County Solid Waste plan that would allow a surcharge to be placed on all disposal trash to pay for a county wide recycling program. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The recycling area was discussed again. It was suggested to move all the dumpsters to the east side of the area, possibly place a fence on the east side to catch papers blowing around, and a decorative fence to conceal the area from

Hill Road. There has been continued contamination in the paper dumpster. A local resident wrote a letter to one person who had left large quantities of cardboard in the paper dumpster. A copy of that letter was received by the township.

There will be specifications for staining the exterior of the new hall and garage. It was suggested to use oil base, and brush the stain on.

The specifications on the replacement of roof shingles at the old hall were received. Smith suggested we have a structural engineer look at the old hall, and see if it is worth putting money into a new roof. Bjorkquist moved, seconded by Dinsen to advertise for this service. All voting in favor. Motion carried. It was suggested to contact Abonmarche, or Nordlunds engineering firms.

Bjorkquist had copies of proposed purchases for picnic tables, and proposed construction of 100 feet of concrete to create a walkway to the playground area. There was a great deal of discussion, however there was not a motion to any action. Maintenance man Chuck Gregg will purchase boards to replace those presently on the picnic tables, as part of maintenance of the equipment.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to hold a public hearing in conjunction with our regular July 12, 2007 meeting to revisit the millage rate for the 2007 calendar year. All voting in favor. Motion carried. The rate advertised in February for the Budget Hearing was 1.43 and has since been revised by Manistee County Equalization to 1.4812. This change will mean approximately \$3,150.00 increase in revenue.

It was recommended by Supervisor Anderson, moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen, to appoint Todd Mallison to the vacant position on the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Due to a schedule conflict it was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to change the October meeting of Manistee Township Board, from Thursday, October 11 to Thursday, October 18, 2007. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Fire Department has recommended appointment of John Dunlap as Fire Chief, Dan Revolt as Captain, Brian Forbes as Lieutenant, and Jack Dinsen as Treasurer. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve and appoint the recommendation for officers of the Manistee Township Fire Department. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The MTA will hold the annual MTA Summer Conference on August 8, 9, & 10 at Shanty Creek, Bellaire. Any board member who can attend, is encouraged to do so. Reservations can be made by contacting the clerk, prior to the July 3 Early Bird-cost registration deadline.

Supervisor Anderson attended the Portage Lake Watershed meeting June 13, 2007 at Onekama Township Hall. Progress is being made on the project, with more details forthcoming.

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 June 27, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The Northwest Michigan Regional Non Motorized Transportation Plan work session will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at the Board of Commissioners Room in the Manistee Court House. If you have questions contact [pattyodonnell@nwm.cog.mi.us](mailto:pattyodonnell@nwm.cog.mi.us)

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2007 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, July 12, 2007, 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 9:20 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk