

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Bob & Jim Schudlich, 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 11, 2006 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 May. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 4, and June 1, 2006 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented 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.

In a letter from the County it was noted the Manistee County Planning Commission has vacancies, and is asking for applicants for consideration.

Eastlake Village Council sent a letter requesting the former grass rig of the Manistee Township Fire Department. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to sell the 1990 Ford Grass Rig to Eastlake Village for a minimum amount and other considerations, including mutual aid to our township in a time of need. Anderson, Dontz, Smith, Dinsen, and Bjorkquist voting in favor. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated:

1. The non union employees of the Sheriff Department are in negotiations. The deputies have settled their contract.
2. The ATV Ordinance was discussed at the County Commissioner meeting. The biggest obstacle to the adoption of the ordinance is enforcement. The County would have to pass a county wide proposal, and then the townships could adopt if they wished to be included.
3. The County will be conducting a dog census, and adopting a new animal control ordinance.
4. Dinsen asked what the reasoning was behind the surcharge in the proposed solid waste ordinance change. Haik will have more information to us on that subject.
5. It was noted the newspaper had reported the Allocation Board proposal for the August Primary would be 1.3 mills, and the actual amount is 1.5.

6. Haik had Capitol Outlay information on the plans for Blacker Airport, including the proposed change to River Road, allowing for expansion of the runway, in 2008.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated he has sent out eight warning letters in May, most of them were on junk. Most of those are working toward correction of the problem. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to work off complaints for enforcement of the Health and Safety Ordinance for outdoor burning units; letters will be sent by July 1, with enforcement by September 1, 2006. Anderson, Smith, Dinsen, Dontz voting in favor. Bjorkquist opposed. Motion carried. This will allow time for rectification prior to the heating season.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to seven fire/medical runs during the month of May 2006. There was a total of 195 man hours. The Chief, and Manistee Township Fire Department recommend the following slate of officers. Fire Chief John Dunlap, First Lieutenant Brian Forbes, Second Lieutenant Tom Maier, Treasurer Jack Dinsen, Secretary Tom Maier. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve and appoint the officers of the Manistee Township Fire Department as recommended. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Secretary Jack Watson is retiring after many years as the Secretary of the department. His service will be acknowledged.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing grant applications must be in to the Manistee County Administrator office by September 15, 2006. The Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 9, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

Jim Sievert has graded, placed gravel around the recycling dumpsters. It seems to have improved on the standing water.

There will be a Public Input Session on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at Manistee Township Hall, on the proposed Recreation Plan for Manistee Township. There will be an ad placed in the paper, and a new article.

Scheppelmann Electric has not started the installation of the lights, but it should be soon.

Custom Sheet Metal will begin the installation of the middle furnace on Friday, June 9, 2006.

Dinsen reported the Seventh Annual Trash Day was held on May 13, 2006. There were five 30 yard dumpsters of trash, and two 40 yard dumpsters of metal collected. There were ninety-seven people who signed in on that day. The cost for the one day was \$2,200.00, plus the release of 80 yards of metal for payment.

The Port-a-John is at the Bar Lake Outlet. However, it is not insured by our insurance policy unless the township owns the equipment.

The millage rate advertized in the Truth in Taxation Hearing in February is an estimate, until the Equalization Department establishes the Headlee rollbacks in May. The rolled back millage we are allowed to levy this year will be 1.4226. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adopt and levy 1.4226 mills for tax collection in 2006. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There will be a seminar on July 13, 2006 at Manistee City Hall on the Zoning Enabling Act. The new law becomes effective July 1, 2006. The cost will be \$50.00 per person. Rob Marble suggested the seminar would be especially valuable to the Secretaries of the Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board, because of changes in the publication time tables. Planning members are urged to attend.

The disposal of surplus property was discussed. Materials were provided by the web site of the Michigan Townships Association. There are a number of unusable items, including the old voting machines that need to be disposed of. It was agreed that Anderson and Dinsen would work on establishing a fair market price, if there was any value to the items.

Anderson noted the Tax Tribunal case of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company regarding personal property tax has reached a settlement of sorts. He has not heard from any other units on the disposition. Before any documents are signed Anderson will consult legal advice.

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.

There will be a public input session on the proposed Manistee Township Recreation Plan, Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on June 28, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. 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 13, 2006, 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion

carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk