

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Darlene Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present were Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Greg Gielczyk, Tina Kracht, Onekama Trustee Mike Acton, Fire Chief John Dunlap, and one unidentified woman.

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

The minutes of the May 12, 2005, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 5, and June 2, 2005 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the May 10, 2005 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board 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.

Mike Acton, Onekama Township Trustee presented a program on groundwater, and the effect contaminates have on the watersheds. Manistee County has nine lakes of 100 acres or more. Manistee Township is impacted by five different water sheds. Watersheds have no political or geographic boundaries. Acton asked Manistee Township Board to support a resolution to endorse a "Point of Sale Ordinance" to be enforced by the County. Acton was thanked for his comprehensive program, and the material will be taken into consideration.

County Commissioner Ed Haik, explained the proposed ATV ordinance is not picking up support, and there are still many questions. Haik as a member of the Public safety Board had made the motion to eliminate the township representative from the 911 Board. The township representative had not attended meetings.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to nine fire/medical runs during the month of May. There were 157 man hours, with Chief Dunlap adding an additional 54 hours during the month. Bids have been received for the new truck, for the fire

department. Truck 1-31 will be taken to Grand Rapids next week for work on the transmission by Alison Transmission. Truck number 34 has continued to have a lack of pressure in the air brake system. Freightliner will work on the air brakes.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. All licensees are running, and inspections remain unchanged.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 10, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Bjorkquist stated the 2% check, in the amount of \$919,301.62, was received by the Little River Revenue Sharing Board. This was for 2% of the slot machine profits from October 2004 through March of 2005. This amount was down from the previous checks. Anderson and the Board thanked the Revenue Sharing Board for the check to cover a portion of the new fire truck.

Trash Day was held on Saturday, May 14, 2005. There were five 30-yard dumpsters of trash, and one 40-yard and one 30-yard dumpster of metal collected. There was a total of 115 people who signed in at the time. Volunteers included Rod Worch, Chuck Gregg, Dan Niesen, John W Anderson, John Dunlap, Jack & Becky Dinsen. Jim & Del Dumas purchased a large soda for each worker, which was much appreciated.

The wooden rail tie steps to the upper level have deteriorated and are dangerous. It was moved by Dinsen seconded by Dontz to have the steps removed. Dinsen will advertize for the project in the newspaper. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There are funds available in the Federal Help America Vote Act, to repay Manistee Township for one voting machine we purchased. It is necessary to pass the Proof of Authority to apply for those funds. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Dontz to pass the following resolution.

Manistee Township

Whereas, the Manistee Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system to comply with the Help America Vote Act

Whereas, the Manistee Township Board has chosen to submit a grant application for the new optical scan voting system in 2005.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Manistee Township Clerk is authorized to submit the grant application on behalf of Manistee Township, Manistee County on this tenth day of June 2005.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board member Darlene Smith

Seconded by Board Member John M Dontz

Upon a toll call vote the following voted Yes: Dennis R Bjorkquist

John M Dontz

M. Rebecca Dinsen

Darlene F Smith

John W Anderson

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

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John W Anderson, Supervisor

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M. Rebecca Dinsen, Clerk

A letter had been received from Keith Brown of the PEG Commission. The letter and any action were tabled until the July meeting of the Manistee Township Board.

The Manistee Township Board congratulated Manistee Township resident Clara Kraus Saari on being named Lion of the Year. She is very dedicated and deserving of the award.

The current bills for the month of June were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 22, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Planning Commission will hold a work session on June 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Clara Kraus Saari asked the status of the Victorian City Car Sales and Manistee Township. The subject will be discussed in a closed session.

It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to move to Closed Session at 8:30 P.M.. Dontz, Bjorkquist, Smith, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion

carried.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to have only the elected board members stay at the closed session. Smith, Dinsen, Dontz, Bjorkquist and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Let the minutes reflect the board returned from Closed Session to an open meeting at 9:07 P.M..

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk