

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 10, 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, John Brakora, Russell Pomeroy, Keith Brown of PEG, Jim and 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 June 12, 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 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 June 5, 2008 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 public comment Jerry & Kathy Ebeling spoke to the board in regard to the odors emanating from the sewage treatment pump at the corner of Jerumbo and Park Street. Anderson had inquired with the City of Manistee earlier in the day, on the problem. The City was aware of the problem, and has been attempting to adjust the chemicals to reduce the odor. The Ebelings wanted the township board aware of the problem that seems to be getting worse.

John Brakora, candidate for 85th District Court Judge introduced himself to those in attendance. He has practiced law for 29 years, and felt the judgeship deserved to have a choice of candidates.

Russell Pomeroy, candidate for Manistee County Treasurer introduced himself. He has served Manistee County since 1997 as Finance Director, until appointed county Treasurer at the retirement of the former Treasurer, in 2007. Pomeroy outlined progress and updates to the office, plans for the Treasurer's office and pledged to work with the townships.

Guy E Finout III, Interim Zoning Administrator stated the Zoning office has been quiet with only three receipts issued in June. The Zoning Ordinance is complete, and Wade Trim will be contacted to walk the Planning Commission thru the final process. The job description for Zoning Administrator is complete, approved by the Planning Commission and has been sent to the Township Board for approval.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to fifteen fire/medical runs during the month of June. There was

a total of 276 man hours, with the Chief having 45 of those hours.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated Douglas Valley is online with a small wine making operation, and Happy Chappy's is in a liquidation type sale. There have been no other significant changes to any other liquor licensees during the past month.

The Oaks Prison Liaison Committee met on July 10, 2008 with no report available.

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.

The Bridge Street Boat Launch Project is still in the process. There were letters received, one of an endorsement from the Manistee County Planning office, and a letter of concern from an adjoining property owner. The letter of concern may deem a public hearing is necessary as part of the grant project.

Bjorkquist had contacted someone to place the cement pads in the picnic area. Barco Company will be sending a proposal for table costs.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to accept and incorporate the job description for the Zoning Administrators in the Zoning Ordinance. All voting in favor. Motion carried. The position will be advertized.

At the June meeting 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. Smith suggested a monitor type sign, which would allow a person to press a button and get any menu for the information required. There was concern with the cost for the free standing sign, and other issues. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to purchase the sign at a cost of \$4,250.00. Bjorkquist, Dontz and Smith voting in favor. Anderson and Dinsen opposed. Motion carried.

There will be an Election School for election inspectors at the Manistee Township Hall on July 22, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

The Bar Lake Outlet project is moving along, but will not require a grant application until fall.

The current bills for the month of July were presented.

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

The Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on July 25, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall to correct errors and omissions.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear

Lake Township Hall, on July 23, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008 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, August 14, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Anderson asked for any further public comment. There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk