

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Absent Dennis R Bjorkquist Also present were County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Chuck Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, and Bill House from Manistee Blacker Airport.

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

The minutes of the June 8, 2006, Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. The minutes of the June 20, 2006 Recreational Plan Input session were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 Dinsen seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 6, 2006 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted with error of the date, and placed on file. The minutes of the July 11, 2006 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were not received.

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

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator was attending the Zoning Enabling Act Workshop at City Hall tonight with three members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board.

County Commissioner Ed Haik reported the County Commission has been concerned with the situation at the Manistee County Road Commission. The MCRC does not have the money to match township projects. They have permanently laid off the engineer, office manager, and two union employees. There has been a suggestion that the three road commissioners resign. It is a very difficult situation. The solid waste amendment was explained, requiring a 2/3 majority of townships approval.

Bill House, Manager of the Manistee Blacker Airport told those present the new terminal will be let for bids within 30 days. It will be a 7,000 square foot building, with completion in 2007. The land on the NE corner of River Road and US 31 was purchased by the Airport Authority with the help of a Revenue Sharing Grant. This is located in the Cleared Zone, which makes it eligible for a 95% rebate from the FAA. The rebate was then used as the local match for construction of the new terminal. The terminal will be constructed on a 95% Federal Grant. The present road into the airport was the original River Road. The road will be reconstructed as part of this improvement stage. The new road to the

airport will come in to the airport terminal in a straight line. The possibility of River Road being relocated 1000 feet northeast of the present location is a very low priority with the Airport Authority. This relocation of River Road would allow for a 750 extension of the NS runway. However, this would not make it long enough for the local carriers to use. By June 2007 there must be a quick response fire truck and trained one person fire personnel to meet every commercial flight. The truck is ordered, and the personnel issue is being handled.

Fire Chief John Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to nine fire/medical runs during the month of June. There were 74 man hours in response, 66 work hours by the men, and 46 hours by Dunlap, Paul Revolt, and Dan Revolt.

The issue of the Fire Department water well pumping air after 5 minutes was discussed. Cameron Brothers submitted a proposal to acidize the well, and put the pump back on for a fee of \$1504.65. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to have Cameron Brothers acidize the fire department water well, and make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

The issue of placing a Manistee Township fire truck in the Arcadia Days parade was discussed. The members of the Manistee Township Board have no objections to a truck being run in the Arcadia parade.

The issue of the Solid Waste Amendment to place a surcharge on all trash was discussed. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Anderson to send a letter to the County Commission registering our disapproval of the proposed amendment to apply a surcharge. All voting in favor of the motion. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Recreation plan was to be presented in its first draft, at this meeting. Planner Tamara Buswinka was not able to attend this meeting of the Manistee Township Board.

Dinsen noted Scheppelmann Electric has received all the parts for the conversion of the lights in the parking lot. They will be renting a lift truck, and making the conversion in a short period of time.

Custom Sheet Metal has replaced the middle furnace with a high efficiency furnace, and air conditioner. The units are running well.

Dinsen stated the August 8, 2006 Primary Election is coming up. Absent ballots are available for August 8, 2006 election. Absent ballot applications are available for the November 7, 2006 General Election. The Public Accuracy Test will be held on Monday, July 24, 2006 at 3:00 PM. There will be an Election Inspector School on July 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee High School. There are a number of new election inspectors, interested in working on elections.

Bjorkquist prepared a packet for purchase of playground equipment to be located in the NE corner of the upper level of the township land. The material was provided to each board member. There were questions if the 30 day quote could be extended as the date had expired. Dontz wondered what the equipment looked like, and if this project was made with lumber like Lighthouse Park. Smith asked if this could be covered with a grant after we have a recreational plan. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to table the matter until the next meeting. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

According to Attorney Richard Wilson. the former brush rig can be sold to the Village of Eastlake for a fee of \$100.00. The papers are drawn and can be signed at any time.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Filer Credit Union will be holding a ribbon cutting for their new facility on July 25, 2006 at 10:00 AM. All board members are encouraged to attend. The Open House will extend from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, on July 25, 2006.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on July 26, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday August 1, 2006, if there is an appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday August 10, 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 8:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk