

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 14, 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 Fire Chief John Dunlap, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, Chuck Barrons, Matt McCauley of NWMCOG, Greg Gielczyk, PEG members Keith Brown & Tina Kracht.

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

The minutes of the June 9, 2005, and June 13, 2005 Manistee Township Board meetings 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 July. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 7, 2005 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.

Matt McCauley of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments spoke on the ongoing project, Envision Manistee County, which is being done under the auspices of the Manistee County Foundation. Envision Manistee is in the process of holding 30 more meetings to allow for public input into the planning of the future of the area for 10 to 20 years from now. McCauley urged the board and those attending to become involved in the process. The Township was given a book which we can peruse. The course of Envision Manistee County will recognize the challenges, opportunities, and possible actions for the future of our area.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated things are quiet at the county level with the beginning of the budget process. The ATV Ordinance is still in consideration with a great deal of clarification needed.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of June. Chief Dunlap stated there were 135 man hours, and he personally had 45 hours for the month. He is working on the ISO ratings. Truck 131 was to Grand Rapids, and had the transmission adjusted. Truck 133 will have a new gas tank installed this week. The air brakes on 134 have a bad valve in the air dryer and the valve will be replaced.

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

Anderson gave a brief update on the Oaks Prison quarterly meeting. Camp Sauble has closed. Most of the officers have transferred. The Oaks had twelve critical incidents in April, nine incidents in May, and fourteen in June. The Oaks is at 80% capacity at this time.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, September 12, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Mike Acton, Onekama Township Trustee, arrived at the meeting at 7:56 P.M. The Point of Sale Well & septic Ordinance was discussed. This resolution shows support for the concept and is a non binding resolution. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to pass the following resolution.

Point of Sale Well & Septic Resolution
Manistee Township, Manistee County, Michigan

This is a resolution to promote countywide Point of Sale water well and septic disposal system evaluation program.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board held on Thursday, July 14, 2005, the following resolution was offered by Dinsen and seconded by Bjorkquist.

Whereas, there is nothing currently in place in Manistee County, or under the jurisdiction of the Manistee County Health Department, to detect failing or deficient water well and on-site septic disposal systems prior to failure. Once failure occurs, septic leachate and contaminates enter our soil, surface watershed, and groundwater; and

Whereas, Point of Sale well and septic evaluation ordinances have been in existence in surrounding counties for a number of years and have contributed significantly to the improvement of surface and groundwater in those areas; and

Whereas, the Manistee Township Board believes, it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Manistee Township for Manistee County to institute a Point of Sale ordinance as a means of systematically inspecting and detecting failing and deficient water well and septic disposal systems, to improve and protect the Township's watershed, surface, and groundwater.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Township of Manistee supports the development of a Point of Sale water well and septic disposal system ordinance in Manistee County.

Those voting in favor: Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, & Anderson

Those opposed: None

Disposition of resolution Declared adopted

Certificate of Adoption

I, M. Rebecca Dinsen, Clerk for the Township of Manistee do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly passed and approved by the Manistee Township Board, Manistee County, State of Michigan, at a regular monthly meeting held in the Township of Manistee on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

Dated:

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

Acton stated thus far six townships have adopted the resolution, and he hopes to have met with all fourteen townships by fall.

The question of resurfacing the tennis courts has been discussed. One bid was received from Asphalt Sealing Specialists in the amount of \$5,500.00. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to accept the bid from Asphalt Sealing Specialists as specified, pending resolution of the property access problem. After discussion those voting in favor were Dontz, Smith, Dinsen, Bjorkquist and Anderson. Motion carried.

Dinsen had advertized for someone to remove the wooden steps to the upper area. There were no replies. Dinsen suggested that a crushed stone ramp be cut into the side of the bank to accommodate strollers, bicycles, and the lawn mower. This would eliminate the "ramp" for skate boarders, and probably be less expensive than steps. Bjorkquist will have bids for removal of the wooden steps and replacement with concrete steps for the next meeting.

Keith Brown of PEG spoke to the board regarding the township initiating a 20cent per month, per client, fee to be collected on cable bills, and then that amount would be sent directly to PEG, for purchasing equipment and operation of their facility. He has approached Filer Township and the City of Manistee. At this time Dontz suggested Manistee Township is not interested in moving forward with this project.

Bjorkquist stated he is looking at a recreation plan for Manistee Township. There are many different pieces of equipment available for those ages two thru seven, and those ages seven through eleven.

In the Budget Hearing in February, Manistee Township adopted a rate of 1.45

mills. When the Form # 4029 came out in July, the amount allowed after the Headlee roll back was 1.4499 mills. Therefore it was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to revisit the budget and adjust the millage rate from 1.45 to 1.4499. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Manistee Township Millage Adjustment

Whereas, Manistee Township Board advertized, on January 19, 2005, held a public hearing and meeting held on February 2, 2005

Whereas, Manistee Township Board adopted and appropriated the Township Budget on March 17, 2005.

Whereas, Manistee Township Board adopted and allocated the millage rate of 1.45;

Whereas, Manistee Township Board has received the millage reduction fractions under 211.34 d (Headlee) and 211.24 c (Truth in Taxation) and have discussed all options for revision of the millage to be levied.

Now Therefore be it Resolved, Manistee Township Board will cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll on allocated millage of 1.4499 mills for Township operations,

Resolution offered by member Dinsen

Resolution seconded by member Bjorkquist

Those voting in favor Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Smith, Dontz, & Anderson

Those opposed None

Motion declared adopted

Supervisor Anderson presented a proposal for reappraisal of the commercial property in Manistee Township. This would include a complete update on all commercial properties. There are 97 improved parcels, 55 vacant parcels, and 4 on leased land. The bid was for \$13,000.00, amounting to approximately \$83.00 per parcel, and will be completed prior to December 31, 2005. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the bid of Meister & Martz. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief John Dunlap presented three different bids for the new brush rig truck. He went over the details of each bid, and recommended the bid of UPNORTH for

\$58,900.00, for a 5.4 gas engine, one ton truck, with specified equipment. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to purchase the recommended truck. In discussion it was recommended that the truck be a 2006, and the engine be adequate to pull the load it will be hauling. Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was noted the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, to correct clerical errors and omissions to the Manistee Township Tax roll.

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

It was stated the Open House for the Manistee County Road Commission scheduled for July 19, 2005, has been canceled until further notice.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

There will be a Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

West Shore Community College Millage Renewal will be the only item on the Tuesday, August 2, 2005 Election. Clerk Dinsen stated the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Absent ballots are available at this time

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a Planning Commission Ordinance Work Session on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Planning Commission Public Hearing on July 27, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for Manistee Holding Company.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, August 11, 2005, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk