

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 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 Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Duane Anderson, Keith Brown of PEG, and Sally Reckow.

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, 2011 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 Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the June 2011 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The approved minutes of the June 2011 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.

Commissioner Duane Anderson said the airport is taking a lot of his time. Dontz made a comment that he hoped they would not start charging for parking. Anderson stated that they are hoping not to charge. This airport has had more traffic than Muskegon.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated he is working on 3 complaints, perpetual yard sales, noise, and rentals. He is currently working on an ordinance concerning noise. No answers yet.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held six meeting/training sessions, and responded to 18 fire/medical runs during the month of June. Forty hours of Dunlaps time for 203 total man hours.

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

Anderson reported on the Oaks meeting. They had a demonstration on handling unruly prisoners.

Revenue sharing board has set September 2, 2011 as the deadline for Cycle II

grant applications to be filed.

The River Rd project is almost complete. The mail boxes need to be put back.

Bridge Street boat ramp is almost complete.

Bar Lake outlet should be completed this week.

The "Around the Lake" meeting everyone in attendance felt there was a good turnout.

Information on becoming a Charter township came from the state and briefly discussed

Hutchinson will call Shirley Ball to see what benefits and problems might be encountered.

The Board of Review will have a meeting on July 19, 2011 because July 4, 2011 holiday had changed when it should be held.

The township board would like some projects for the township to work on.

There is a huge hole at the public access on Piney Rd. needs filling. Bjorkquist will get some prices and ideas on fixing the problem.

Fire Chief Dunlap is renewing the Medical license. It has been a year since it was started.

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 Arcadia Township Hall, on July 27, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is a scheduled meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2011 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 11, 2011, 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 Dontz to close the meeting at 8:05 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk