

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Deputy Treasurer Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Absent Treasurer, Darlene Smith. Also, present were Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, and Tina Kracht of PEG.

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

The minutes of the July 14, 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.

Deputy Treasurer Connie L Smith provided the Financial report for the month of August. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Manistee Township Planning Commission regular meeting on August 4, 2005 were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the August 2, 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.

John Dunlap, Chief reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to fourteen fire/medical runs during the month of July. The new truck has been ordered and it is a 2006 with a V10 engine.

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

Anderson stated the tennis courts have had three coats of sealer, and should be done within the week.

The bid was received for replacement of the present steps to the upper level with cement steps. There were no bids for removal and disposal of the steps. John Dontz offered to remove and dispose of the steps for \$650.00. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to accept the only bid of \$650.00 from John Dontz for removal and disposal of the wooden steps. Dinsen, Bjorkquist and Anderson voting in favor. Dontz abstained. Smith absent. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the bid of Jack's Concrete for \$4,500.00 to replace the steps to the upper level with concrete

steps. Dontz, Bjorkquist and Anderson voting in favor. Dinsen opposed. Smith absent. Motion carried.

Dinsen reported the August 2, 2005 West Shore Community College Election went smoothly with only 126 voters. The millage renewal proposal was defeated in Manistee Township, and passed by the entire college district. There were 12 election inspectors rotating in three shifts, throughout the day.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the carpet in the main meeting room Dinsen had acquired price ranges on replacing the carpet with carpet, or vinyl, ceramic, and rubber tile. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to replace the carpet in the meeting room with carpet at an approximate cost of \$2,100.00. Bjorkquist, Dinsen, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Smith absent. Motion carried. Dinsen will pick out colors, and other board members can check on those samples.

The Manistee County Road Commission is scheduled to begin construction on River Road very soon. There will be an open house at the new Road Commission building on Tuesday, August 16 at 3:00 P.M. Dinsen had prepared a list of proposed maintenance projects for the road commission. Board members did not have additions to the list.

The Bridge Street Boat ramp is washed out, and boaters are having problems launching their boats. Bjorkquist stated he will check on a way to fix this, and have the information for our next regular monthly meeting.

There was discussion on placing a surface on the area where the recycling tubs are located. Presently the black top is breaking off at the edge of the Fire Department lot. Cement slabs, limestone, and other options were discussed. No decision was reached.

Fire Chief Dunlap, asked if the private road off Lakeshore Road should be named. It was suggested those living on the private road, indicate the household numbers located on the private road, with a sign on Lakeshore Road.

It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to allow Connie L Smith to sign the bank cards as a deputy treasurer, thereby allowing banking to continue as usual. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 10, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on August 24, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a Work Session on August 24, 2005, 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 first Wednesday, September 7, 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 8:25 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk