

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. August 11, 2011, 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Duane Anderson, 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 July 14, 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 July. The receipts were \$56,804.14, expenditures were \$30,923.67, leaving a balance of \$215,766.25 in the General Fund as of July 31, 2011. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Jim and Bob Schudlich came to commend the township on the River Road project.

They also stated that the shoulder was about 2" lower than the roadway and were concerned about breakage on the edge. They were thanked for their comments.

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

Duane Anderson said he had nothing to report. Then mentioned about the public hearing in Wellston on the ORV ordinance to be held on August 23, 2011 at 6:00P.M.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated he had two receipts. One for an addition and one for an accessory building. He is going to rewrite an ordinance for the planning commission. Had some inquiries on the medical marijuana issue. The new business had only 8% of the floor space for adult items, they are allowed 20%. Piney road concern says the DNR issue is still state listed.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 2 fire runs, 17 medical runs, 3 car accidents, 2 power lines down, 1 CO detector and 4 meetings during the month of July. There was a total of 186 man hours and 48 hours for Dunlap for paper work.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there was a transfer of a license from

Marathon to Blarney Castle Oil Co.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board grants must be turned in by on Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Courthouse Administrators office.

The River Rd. project is basically done but checking on the shoulder problem.

The Ramp project is done but Bjorkquist is checking on a couple items and wants to wait to pay the bill till he is done.

The Bar Lake Outlet is basically done but has a trip hazard issue, there is under wash of the cement. Also would like to see some of the rip rap moved so the waterway can be utilized. There are property owners currently circulating a petition to form an association to improve the lake and wetland.

A reminder that the hazard waste collection will be held at the Road Commission building on August 20, 2011 from 9 A.M. to 2 PM.

On the Charter Township issue Dontz made a motion seconded by Bjorkquist to remain a General Law Township. A roll call vote was held Smith yes, Dontz yes, Bjorkquist yes, Hutchinson yes, Anderson yes. All in favor the motion was carried.

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 County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on August 24, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at Bear Lake Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 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, Sept. 1, 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, Sept. 8, 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk