

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 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 M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Deputy Clerk Joy Hutchinson, Eileen SanFilippo, Carol Greve, Bev Senters, Corinne Hahn, George Liston, and Jim Wisniski.

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

The minutes of the July 8, 2010 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. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the July 1, 2010 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.

In public comment, Clara Kraus Saari, stated she needed information for a meeting, and Guy Finout went above and beyond the call of duty for his office, and provided the information. She wanted the board aware of his efforts.

Eileen SanFilippo of Lakeshore Road stated there has been a chain link fence erected in a critical dune/high risk erosion area (just south of Blood Creek). According to SanFilippo the fence is an eyesore, and a danger being in the water. SanFilippo would like Manistee Township to provide a safer alternative to the DNR requirements for this area. DNR requirements call for chain link or split rail, to allow for ebb and flow of sand and water. Finout has been allowed to the access the private area to investigate the complaint. The matter was discussed and taken into consideration by board members.

George Liston a Condon Road resident rose to thank John Dontz for his long service on the township board.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated Liquor Inspector Dennis Bjorkquist will be sworn as a Special Deputy of the Manistee County Sheriff Department to allow for liquor inspections in Manistee Township. The county jail expansion is moving

along, and is scheduled for completion in early spring 2011. This expansion will allow for female cells, a kitchen, and some meeting rooms. The county commissioners are in the budget process, and will be adopting a tentative budget on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were four receipts written by his office during the past month, with the majority of the time being taken up with complaints. Items from the Planning Office include:

1. Fireglow Industries has asked for a Special Use permit for outside storage for the wood pellet plant they are planning to build near Eastlake. There will be a Public Hearing on this Special Use permit on August 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. A Special Meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held after the Public Hearing.
2. The complaint on the abandoned trailers near M55 & US 31 has been withdrawn from court, and the process has started again. The property was lost in foreclosure to a bank, therefore the bank has been sent the 30-day letter.
3. Structures scheduled for removal from a parcel, as part of a zoning appeal to build a third structure on the lot, are dead lined to be removed within 30 days.
4. There are no appeals for the month of September.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to seven fire calls, two mutual aid requests, and sixteen medical runs during the month of July. There was a total of 105 man hours for the department. Pump and ladder testing will be done on August 19 & 20 at the MCRC building.

George Liston asked why the fire siren ran for forty times early in the morning. Dunlap stated there was a house fire, there were two calls or siren runs before the men got to the fire hall, and one more call for additional man power. Liston asked if there was no other way to notify the fireman of the need to respond.

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

Bjorkquist stated the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, October 11, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, for verbal presentations. The Revenue Sharing Board is still waiting for the appraisal on the gaming facility so they can dispense PILT funds.

George Liston then asked where he would go about ordinance enforcement. After discussion it was noted Liston is having problems with a barking dog, next door. The Sheriff Department has stated they cannot write a ticket for a barking dog complaint, as Manistee Township does not have a noise ordinance. Finout explained there is a noise level ordinance in the zoning ordinance. It allows for so many decibels at the property line. Finout will get the information for Liston.

Further, George Liston wants a posted speed limit on Condon Road. A letter was read that had been written on July 15, 2010, to the Manistee County Road Commission on the request for posting speed limit signs. There has been no response from the Road Commission.

Bjorkquist noted the bid opening for construction of the Bridge Street Boat Launch will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Clerk Dinsen gave a Primary Election report. There were 612 voters, for 25% turnout. Of those voting 38% voted by Absent Ballot. Twenty people attended school to be certified as election inspectors. Nineteen people worked 118 hours on the Primary Election day, with all the accounts balancing accurately.

The Bar Lake Outlet is staked for the first step in a viewing platform, and barrier free access, as part of the Explore the Shores program.

September 23, 2010 will be the Regional Summit for Manistee County. The event will be held at the Manistee Golf and Country Club. Board members interested in attending need to get that information to Dinsen so reservations can be made.

Supervisor Anderson stated Manistee Township had pursued and received an Energy Audit Grant for the Bridge Street building. The audit will help the township to determine what can be done to make the building more energy efficient, for the use it receives throughout the year.

Treasurer Smith asked for adoption of the following resolution allowing her to bank with National City/PNC, Huntington Bank, West Shore Bank, West Michigan Bank and Trust, Northwest Bank, Filer Credit Union, Members Credit Union, Honor State Bank, and Citizens Bank. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to adopt the following resolution. Bjorkquist, Dontz, Dinsen, Smith, and Anderson voting in favor. None opposed.

Resolution to Invest General Funds Dollars in Local Banks

Whereas, the Township of Manistee, a Michigan Municipality, 410 Holden Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660 invests funds in Certificates of Deposit at local financial institutions.

Whereas, the Township of Manistee currently uses National City/PNC, Huntington Bank, West Shore Bank, West Michigan Bank & Trust, and Northwestern Bank

Whereas, the Township Treasurer would like to be able to purchase Certificates of Deposits up to the FDIC insured limits at Honor State Bank, Filer Credit Union,

Members Credit Union, and Citizens Bank

Whereas, the Township will have three signatures on file for each of the Certificates of Deposit, each signature will be a member of the Manistee Township Board

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Manistee Township Board authorizes the Manistee Township Treasurer to invest General Fund dollars into any and all financial institutes listed above.

Motion made by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. None opposed. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution is duly adopted on the twelfth day of August 2010.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

I, M. Rebecca Dinsen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the August 12, 2010, Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

The Manistee County Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission. Township residents are allowed to use this service without charge. The acceptable items were listed, and pamphlets are available.

The current bills for the month of August were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 Onekama Township Hall, on August 25, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 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, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the

Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., with a Special Meeting after the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be for Fireglow Pellet Plant Special Use Application.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the first Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Carol Greve spoke in public comment on the terrible parking conditions at the Bar Lake outlet, the need for lines to be painted on the shoulder for specific angle parking, no parking on the east side of the road, and posted lower speed limit.

Keith Brown of PEG thanked the Manistee Township Board for their get well card and encouragement during his recent illness.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk