

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 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 was Chuck Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, and Dan Shepard of the LRBOI.

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

The minutes of the July 10, 2003, Manistee Township Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of August. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There were no minutes of the Manistee Township Planning Commission work session of July 17.

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

No one from the public had anything to bring before the meeting at this time.

Reports were received from Rob Marble of the zoning office. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on August 6 for a proposed Zoning Change to allow Bed and Breakfast facilities in the R-2 District. Marble had sent a letter on July 11, 2003, to Mr. Low regarding parking on the Cedar Place right-of-way.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department had nine fire/medical runs in July, and met four times. There was a total of more than 100 man hours for the month. Dunlap explained the water tank on Truck 33 has been leaking. It can be replaced with a poly tank at a cost of \$6,425.00. Another option is the present tank can be sand blasted, repaired, and sprayed with Rhino-liner for a cost of \$3,600.00 plus \$560.00 for pick up and delivery of the truck. Dunlap recommended the Rhino-liner which comes with a 15-year guarantee. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to have Truck 33 repaired with the Rhino-liner, at a cost of \$3,600.00 plus \$560.00 for pick-up and delivery. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, August 25, 2003 at 5:00 P.M. to consider possible changes to the bylaws of that board. There seems to be no one at the state level who can provide a definition of a "local unit of government."

Bjorkquist stated the Liquor Inspections remain unchanged during the month of July.

Jerry Peterson of the Manistee County Road Commission hasn't provided any more information on the "Public" posts for the right-of-ways. Anderson had talked with the people building their homes on Pomeroy Road, and explained the problem of Stronach Township withdrawing from the agreement.

The seal coating of the parking lots, is being scheduled, around hall rentals, meetings, and office hours.

The roof at the Bridge Street building is still leaking. Anderson will contact a roofing specialist to give an estimate for repair. Gregg stated some of the windows at the old hall are in such rough condition he is concerned with trying to repair them. The wood has deteriorated from around the window glass. There was discussion of preparing a grant to the Revenue Sharing Board or Historical Building Grants for window replacement, and roof repair.

Abonmarche has not returned written approvals on the Heathlands. Marble stated they have to wait on a few Health Department requirements.

Bjorkquist asked for guidance on the proposed playground structure. Suggestions were removing some of the older equipment, and placing a single expandable unit in one area. At the same time the steps to the upper level need to be replaced. Someone suggested cement, and another treated timbers, for the steps to the upper level. Dinsen will contact Camp Sauble workers about taking out the timbers.

The bills for the month of August were presented.
It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills 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 27, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. There will be a speaker on recycling.

The next meetings of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 7:00 for a Public Hearing, Thursday, August 7, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. for a Planning Commission meeting, an Ordinance Workshop on August 21, 2003 at 7:00 P.M., and Thursday, September 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the third Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

No one from the public had anything to bring before the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz

seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

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Manistee Township
Synopsis of Regular Meeting
August 5, 2003 - 7:30 P.M.

Board members present Smith, Dontz, Dinsen, Bjorkquist, and Anderson.
The following business was transacted.

1. Voted to approve the minutes of July 10, 2003 Regular Manistee Twp Board Mtg.
2. Voted to accept the Treasurers report as presented.
3. Received reports on Planning Commission, Zoning, Liquor Inspections, Fire Department, Revenue Sharing Board.
4. Voted to repair Fire Department tanker #33, at a cost of \$4,160.00.
5. Discussed without action zoning, roads, playground equipment, the Bridge Street building, grants, and internal projects.
6. Approved payment of bills for the month of August.
7. The next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee.
8. All minutes are proposed and subject to approval at the next regular township board meeting.

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