

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Absent Dennis R Bjorkquist. Also present was Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, John White, Jim & 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 12, 2007 regular meeting and July 26, 2007 Special Manistee Township Board meetings were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as provided. 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.

The approved minutes of the July 5, 2007 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 Jim Schudlich asked that something be done about the rough condition of River Road between US 31 and Coho Bend. Chunks are coming out of the sides of the road, and the surface is extremely rough. Anderson had talked with MCRC Manager Jerry Peterson this week about that exact problem. Peterson stated River Road is too far gone to even seal coat. It was suggested Schudlich contact the MCRC, so they hear from more people than just the township board. Skid paving, and grinding and re laying are options that were discussed.

John White stated that someone is creating a dump at the end of Gillespie Road. They appear to be hauling in building materials, fill dirt, etc. Marble will talk to the DEQ regarding this situation. White also asked how a speed limit could be established on Hill Road. He stated vehicles including motorcycles without mufflers roar thru there at all hours of the night. A speed survey is generally done to determine the average speed, and then the limit can be posted. Anderson will talk with State Police Post Commander about the situation.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated there were five permits issued in July. The office has been busy with questions, and people in search of information.

Fire Chief John Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of July. Those eight runs included four false alarms at West Shore Medical Center. Dunlap reported logging 80 hours during the month of July.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 8, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The deadline for grant applications is September 14, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., verbal presentations will be October 8, and the grant awards will be held on November 5, 2007.

Abonmarche engineers will be at the old hall on Friday, August 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. to determine the structural soundness of the building. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith, if the building is found to be structurally sound, to advertize for bids on shingling of the roof. The bids would be returned by the September 5, 2007 Manistee Township Board meeting. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, Anderson voting in favor. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Road Commission has asked for the advance on the seal coating. It has been the practice of Manistee Township Board to hold the advance, until the work is done. Anderson will talk with Peterson, as the work has begun in the township. The consensus was to send the advance at this time.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission by-laws will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Manistee County Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be August 25, 2007. There are a variety of hazardous waste items that will be collected. The time of collection is determined by the first initial of your last name.

There will be an Open House at the Manistee Blacker Airport on September 22, 2007. The new facility is coming along nicely, and will be a most welcome addition to our community.

Supervisor Anderson recommended Jeff Mikula be appointed as the alternate to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to appoint Jeff Mikula as the alternate to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. All voting in favor. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

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. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on the 5th Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. The change in the meeting date will allow township board members to work

and attend the Manistee County Fair.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2007 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 Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 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 Dontz seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. All voting in favor. Bjorkquist absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk