

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 1, 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 Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, and Keith Brown 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 August 12, 2010 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

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

Fire Chief John W Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four (4) training sessions, and responded to nine(9) fire runs, and twenty-four (24) medical runs during the month of August. There were 265 man hours in training, runs, and work details. Chief Dunlap had 44 hours in training, fires, pump & ladder testing, and paper work.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the special deputizing is complete. There have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month of August.

Bjorkquist stated the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, October 11, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Commission room at the Court House building, for verbal presentations. The Revenue Sharing Board has been informed the appraisal on the gaming facility is complete, so they can dispense PILT funds. A special meeting of Little River Revenue Sharing Board will be held at the Manistee County Commission room at the Court House building, on September 23, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.. on the appraisal results.

Jim Nordlund of Nordlund and Associates held a bid opening at Manistee Township Hall, on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 4:00 P.M.. The bids were for the construction required by the Bridge Street Boat Launch. The bids were as follows.

Elmer's Crane & Dozer \$68,841.00

Molon Excavating, Inc. \$67,477.00
Seng Crane & Excavating \$56,835.94
JE Kloote Contracting \$49,064.00
Swidorski Brothers Excavating \$38,450.00

Nordlunds will examine the bids, and send them to the DEQ with a recommendation. If the DEQ approves, the Manistee Township Board will need to approve the specific bid and the work can begin.

The Fireglow Pellet Plant Special Use hearing was held by the Manistee Township Planning Commission on August 23, 2010. The permit for outside storage was approved with two stipulations. One is they must fence the outdoor storage area, and they must keep all dirt and debris off the black top in front of their facility. If they drag dirt onto the roadway, they will need to lengthen the black top driveway within their property.

Dinsen reported on the August 21, 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Day. It was very successful, with more than 20,000 pounds of hazardous waste collected in Manistee County alone. There were the usual batteries, paint, pesticides, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals, and the unusual in ½ barrel of arsenic, collected.

The Manistee County Regional Summit will be held on September 23, 2010 at the Manistee Golf & Country Club. Reservations must be in by September 15, 2010. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Snow plowing bids will be advertized for the October meeting. The board examined the bid form used, and felt it was adequate to request hourly rates.

Fire Chief John Dunlap would like to get some sealer for the cracks between the cement on the apron of the fire hall. He has board approval by consensus to get the job done, as needed, to prevent deterioration of the cement.

John Dontz would like to pursue new chairs for the meeting room table, and possibly a new meeting table. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to buy seven new chairs, and a meeting room table to accommodate a minimum of seven people. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Dontz will get the information together for board members.

The Manistee County Road Commission will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. They will discuss the River Road project at that time. Board members are encouraged to attend.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on September 22, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 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 and October 7, 2010 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, October 14, 2010, 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 7:55 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk