

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 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 Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Sherry Spencer, Jim Baker, Jim & Bob Schudlich, County Commissioner Ed Haik, 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 10, 2006, 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 August. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 7, 2006 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, Sherry Spencer stated the Public Health Ordinance for Outdoor Wood Burner Furnaces, enacted by Manistee Township Board, has posed an extreme hardship on her family. She stated her perception of the process, the implications, and her problems with the ordinance. According to Spencer they will be moving their wood burner on Saturday, September 16, 2006, to comply with the ordinance set backs.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the enforcement of the Popielarz citation went to court, with the court ruling Popielarz cannot run his business from his home on River Road. Marble asked the board to consider a fee for the sign ordinance. At present he is charging the same as a land use permit.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated there will be a Public Hearing on the ATV Ordinance on Tuesday, September 19, at 11:15 A.M. at the County Commissioners room at the Court House. The ATV Ordinance will require a township to opt into the program. No action will mean the township is not participating. The county will also be working on the budget, and the solid waste amendment, at their September 19 meeting.

Assistant Chief, Paul Revolt stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to fourteen fire/medical runs during the month of August. There was a total of 194 man hours expended during the month of August.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor

licensees during the past month.

The Oaks Prison Liaison Committee will not meet until October 5, 2006.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 9, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Oral presentations will be received by the Revenue Sharing Board at that time. The final day for grant applications to be submitted will be September 15, 2006 at 5:00 P.M.

Manistee Township held a Public Hearing on the proposed Recreation Plan, on September 6, 2006. The plan is available for public perusal at the Manistee County Library, or Manistee Township office. Public comment will be received until action on the proposed plan at the October 12, 2006 Manistee Township Board meeting.

Bjorkquist stated the playground equipment ordered by Manistee Township will arrive, and be ready for installation on Saturday, October 7, 2006. A representative of the equipment company will be on hand for supervision and directions. By having volunteers install the equipment \$5,000.00 was saved, and used to purchase additional equipment. Dinsen will publish an article, ad, and a radio news article, asking for volunteers to help with the installation process.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to sign a contract with the Manistee Recreation Association for recreational services for Manistee Township residents for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, at a rate of \$9,000.00. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to sign a contract with the Manistee PEG Commission for televising our board meetings, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The first payment will be \$700.00, and the second payment of \$700.00 will be contingent on legislation currently being considered to strip franchise fees from the townships. Smith, Dontz, Dinsen, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. Keith Brown stated the PEG Commission is looking for one new member on their board. The PEG Commission meets every two months on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Manistee High School Conference room.

Connie Smith attended the September 7, 2006 meeting at the Manistee County Road Commission, with the Road Commissioners, County Commission, and others. It seems the day of the 50 50 match for the road commission services are long gone. Bjorkquist asked what has happened to our signed contract with the MCRC for seal coating. The MCRC states they do not have the money to perform the work. If we buy the supplies, they would try to do the seal coating.

Snow plowing bids will be advertized for the October Manistee Township Board meeting.

The current bills for the month of September were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz 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 Bear Lake Township Hall, on October 26, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. All MTA members are encouraged to attend the Envision Seminar on Small towns at Brethren on September 27, 2006.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 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 second Thursday, October 12, 2006, 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 8:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk