

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 17, 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 were Clarence Smith, Clara Kraus Saari, Chuck Gregg, and a student filming the meeting.

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

The minutes of the August 5, 2003, Manistee Township Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of September. 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 August 5, 2003 Public Hearing, August 6, 2003 meeting, and the September 4, 2003 meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the September 2, 2003 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board 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.

Zoning Administrator Rob Marble stated there have been a number of land use permits issued. There is an appeal scheduled for October 7, 2003.

The Manistee Township Fire Department had four meetings, and twelve fire/medical runs during the month of August.

Liquor Inspector Dennis Bjorkquist stated all Manistee Township liquor establishments have been inspected, and remain in compliance.

The Manistee County Road Commission has not placed any Public access poles at the right-of-ways, or given us any information on the progress of Pomeroy Road.

Brian's Sealcoating has completed sealing both parking lots. They were back several times to fill and go over the cracks in the lots.

Bob's Roofing was called to work on the roof leaks at the old hall. They placed a mesh in the valley's of the old hall, and used a product over the mesh. This past weekend rain left no water leaks in the building.

The tank for fire truck #33 is not guaranteed for 15 years as originally stated, and

agreed to purchase by the township board. Anderson had researched another company that offers a steel tank for \$7,456.00 and a Poly tank for \$8,938.00, with 10 year guarantees. It was agreed by consensus to submit a grant application to the Little River Revenue Sharing Board to purchase the tank with a 50% township match to the project.

A copy of correspondence directed to Jeff Mikula regarding the Heathlands Development was received from the Planning Department. Mikula has several requirements to meet prior to Manistee County Planning Commission approval of the proposed project.

Dinsen reminded that snow plowing bids need to be advertized and received for the month of October.

Dinsen moved Bjorkquist seconded to change the October meeting of the Manistee Township Board to the third Wednesday - October 15 at 7:00 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried. This will allow Dinsen to attend the first class in the Township Governance Academy. There are classes available for all township board members.

In general discussion it was recommended to place a street light at the corner of Holden and Bridge Street. There was concern for the locust trees obscuring the stop sign at Park and Parkdale Avenue. There is sand washed onto the roadway at Holden and Bridge, and at Holden and the alley west of Fowler. The Manistee County Road Commission will be contacted on these projects.

Bjorkquist stated the Sibley Land Plat shows Zimmerman and Kiezkowski Lanes have been switched in their names. Road Commission Manager Gerry Peterson will work to correct this designation.

Dinsen noted the Manistee County Road Commission bill for S Mathison Road has arrived and is due in 60 days. The total township match is \$84,287.08.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Brethren High School Café/Auditorium, on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. This will be a joint County/Township meeting to provide answers and improve communications between the units.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Planning Commission will hold a Work Session on September 18, 2003 at 6:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the third Wednesday of October - which is October 15, 2003, 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. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk