

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 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, Attorney Richard Wilson, 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 11, 2009 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 September. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the July 2, 2009 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.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of August.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any of the six liquor licensees during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet for an informational meeting, with a tentative date of late September 2009. The next grant cycle will be with grants due by September 11, 2009. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will be October 12, 2009, for verbal presentation of grants, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

Supervisor Anderson talked with Jerry Peterson manager of the MCRC, on the second seal coating of Pine Creek Road. Peterson said the company who had originally furnishing the oil for the road, felt only one load of oil was "bad," and that was all they would replace. Therefore, the repair of seal coating on Pine Creek Road includes only the area from M-55 to Mathison Road.

The Bridge Street Boat launch is still under review at the DEQ state level. The Homeland Security Grant which Manistee Township applied for the proposed new fire hall was denied. There were only two proposed fire halls

receiving grants in the entire state of Michigan.

The township play ground has been subject to vandalism again. Most of the graffiti can be removed with graffiti remover. There are some areas where a knife or box cutter has been used to carve on the play ground equipment.

The revised contract for the Manistee Recreation Center has been received and given to board members to study. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to sign the 15-month contract with the MRA, at a cost of \$2,322.75 per quarter. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. This contract will run from April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Manistee Township advertized and received applications for a part time position in the township offices. The board authorized Smith and Dinsen to act as a public committee to advertise, interview, test, and check references of applicants. It was the recommendation of this committee to hire Judy Tabaczka as part time office help, at a beginning salary of \$10.00 per hour. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Smith to hire Judy Tabaczka. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

At 7:50 P.M. it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to move to Closed Session under Section 8H, of the Open Meetings Act. Smith, Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Dontz and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. It was further moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz that all audience members except Attorney Richard Wilson be asked to leave the closed session. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Returning from Closed Session at 8:30 P.M..

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to waive the attorney client privilege of Manistee Township, on an opinion letter, written August 31, 2009, by Attorney Richard Wilson. Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith and Anderson voting in favor.

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 Manistee County Road Commission building, on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 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 3, 2009 and October 1, 2009

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 8, 2009, 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 8:35 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk