

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 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 Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, and Daniel Jach.

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

The minutes of the August 14, 2008 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen 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 4, 2008.

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

Daniel Jach of Piney Road told board members of the problems he has had as a property owner who lives adjacent to a road end on Bar Lake. According to Jach people are using his property and the road end as a urinal, garbage disposal, a place to camp all night, launch boats all hours of the day and night. He would like no parking/no overnight parking on the road ends. If the road ends are cleared, he would like all of them cleared, with a launch in the middle. It was agreed to place a sign on the road end, and any clearing would be in the fall. The Road Commission is too busy to do any work on the road ends prior to late fall.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the latest draft of the new township zoning ordinance has arrived from Wade Trim, and will be provided to board members at the September 4, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. The Zoning Administrators office issued three receipts during the month of August. The Zoning Administrators office will be closed the week of September 8 through the 12th.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to nine fire/medical runs during the month of August. The Manistee Township Fire Department received a \$2,100.00 grant from the LRBOI Internal Affairs, to purchase a wench for truck #35. Truck #31 is still out of service with a cracked block, and bad transmission seal. Truck #33 has a radiator leak that will be repaired tomorrow. Dunlap stated the township needs to be thinking about the purchase of an aerial truck with the height of the prison, hospital, and casino.

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

Bjorkquist noted the Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 13, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. for oral presentations of grants, at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The

grant application deadline is September 12, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Court House, and the grants will be awarded on December 8, 2008.

Bjorkquist stated the DNR Bridge Street grant is still coming along, and hopefully construction can be completed this fall.

The playground area has another phase completed. The cement under the tables is complete, and the new picnic tables were moved into place last night, by Bjorkquist. They are the new very heavy duty tables, made from recycled material. Bjorkquist stated he would like the barrier free access to come from the direction of the old hall. The first table in the large play area is the barrier free table. The old tables will be taken out as they deteriorate. The recent vandalism of the play area was reported by Supervisor Anderson.

Treasurer Smith explained there will be a financial resolution forthcoming from the bank on the electronic transfer of funds into a CD. Smith is working on a computer program to allow electronic transfer of taxes to the State of Michigan. This would eliminate a lot of hand work within the township treasurers' office.

Clerk Dinsen noted that Monday, October 6, 2008 is the last day to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Registrations may be made at the Secretary of State office, or at the Township Clerk's office.

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 Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., and the Thursday, October 2, 2008 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 9, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

If there is a need the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at 7:00 P.M..

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk