

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005, 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, Larry Ronning, Roger & Sal Reckow, John Kruse, Marvin Fink, 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, and August 17, 2005 Manistee Township Board meetings 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 September. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 1, 2005 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on September 13, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee township Hall.

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

Keith Brown of the PEG Commission asked the Manistee Township Board to impose a 20-cent fee per month on all Cable subscribers for a grant to the PEG Commission, to allow them to buy equipment. Presently Manistee Township returns \$1,400.00 of the 3% Cable Franchise fee to the PEG Commission. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to deny support of the 20-cent surcharge per cable subscriber, per month for the purchase of equipment by the PEG Commission. If there are any changes they would be addressed in the next budget cycle. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Polen Road resident Gerry Teresinski complained about the auto repair shop that appears to be functioning at the corner of Hill Road and Polen Road. Zoning Administrator Rob Marble has started working on the problem. However, due to illness he was not at the meeting. Supervisor Anderson will talk with Marble and make sure Teresinski is apprized of the progress on the situation.

Fearnow subdivision residents, Larry Ronning, Roger and Sal Reckow spoke with the board on their concerns of the Microtel Hotel. They feel the Commercial zoning designation is for the first 500 feet north of US-31. The Zoning map indicates the entire parcel is zoned Commercial. They would like to know when it

became Commercial. Zoning Administrator Marble and Attorney Wilson will be consulted.

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

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on October 10, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. The meeting may be at the new Manistee County Road Commission office or at the Manistee Township Hall.

The new fire truck is in production and should be delivered prior to the end of the year.

The wooden steps have been removed to the upper level of the property, where the playground is located. Jack's Concrete will be installing cement steps soon.

Bjorkquist stated he attended the August 29, 2005 meeting on ATV Ordinance for Manistee County. The Sheriff, DEQ, Forest Service, MCRC, and the Manistee County Commissioners were all in attendance. This was an attempt to clear many misconceptions about the project.

Tree cutting by the Manistee County Road Commission has begun on the River Road project.

The Bridge Street boat launch is in need of repair. The Manistee County Road Commission is preparing a proposal to create a semi permanent repair. They were going to have the plans available for this meeting, however, they were not received. The concept is concrete strips that are connected in a mat like configuration.

The carpet in the individual offices of the Manistee Township Hall has been cleaned. The new carpet for the main meeting room will be installed on September 8, 2005.

The problems with contamination of the recycling containers continues. The contamination of the paper, and increased fuel costs have caused the fee per dumpster to be increased to \$120.00. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to continue the paper dumpster until November, and then review the process. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The proposed contract for the Manistee Township Assessor was reviewed. The contract would become effective September 1, 2005, and continue through August 31, 2008. The cost per year would be \$20,000.00. It was moved by

Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to approve the three-year contract with Connie Anderson as Manistee Township Assessor. Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Smith, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Marvin Fink and John Kruse asked the board if it was possible to raise the level of Bar Lake four to six inches. They live and own boats on Bar Lake, and the water is so low they feel the lake will dry up. It was suggested they contact Ken Berentsen the Manistee County Drain Commissioner, or the DEQ regarding the lake level. The lake is spring fed, and the water levels in all lakes are at a low cycle at this time. The Manistee Township Board does not have authority to change lake levels.

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 Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will hold a work session on Thursday, September 15, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, October 13, 2005, 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 8:43 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk