

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, August 12, 2004, 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 Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, John Mencarelli, and Jacob Bielski.

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

The minutes of the July 8, 2004, Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 August 5, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the August 10, 2004 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file.

(Bjorkquist arrived at 7:35 P.M.)

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

A letter of resignation was received from David Thompson, who serves as an Alternate to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to accept the resignation of David Thompson with regrets. The resignation will become effective when Thompson moves from Manistee Township, within the next three months. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Clara Kraus Saari asked that a letter be sent to Thompson thanking him for his insight and knowledge as he served.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated Attorneys Art Spaulding and Richard Wilson are working on the proposed PUD located at Kemmer and US 31. The rewrite on the Manistee Township Zoning Ordinance continues.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to thirteen fire/medical runs during the month of July. Manistee Township Fire Department was called to assist in the forest fire north of Bear Lake on August 5.

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 11, 2004, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Oral presentations of the grant applications will be heard at that time. The September meeting of the Revenue Sharing Board has been

canceled.

The contract with the Manistee County Road Commission for Pomeroy Road was signed by all board members. Anderson had talked with Jerry Peterson, Manager, of the Manistee County Road Commission and he stated there would be no grants available for the project. As per the July 8, 2004 Manistee Township Board minutes when the board agreed to the contract dated June 11, 2004, to clear 40 feet of the roadway, grade, and gravel for a cost to the township of \$34,622.50 - if there was no grant money available.

Dontz Road is still in the process of completion. There was concern if there will be guard rails placed along the road. Peterson will be questioned on the expected date of completion.

The plaque is being milled and engraved for the bench the Priester's would like to donate for the Zimmerman Lane walking path. When it is done, the plaque will be attached and the bench placed on Zimmerman Lane.

Dinsen asked for assistance in preparing the language for replacement of the windows at the old hall. The preliminary bid form will be delivered to board members by Monday for additional comments, corrections or changes.

Bjorkquist and Marble had checked with engineers and State of Michigan Building Inspector John Patterson on the handrail, and steps to the upper level. It has been agreed that a middle hand rail is advisable. Dinsen noted that at the same time we need to place a sign stating children must be accompanied by an adult on the playground.

The proposed street light or a light like the parking lot presently has, was discussed. It was agreed to table it, until the next meeting.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Manistee Township Board of Review met on July 20, 2004, to correct errors and omissions on the tax roll. More than 40 changes were corrected on the tax roll. Anderson stated the notices have been sent to the tax payers, and the corrected roll has been delivered to the Equalization Department.

Anderson had secured estimates for the resurfacing of the tennis courts from a local firm. Additional figures will be collected from other companies, for comparison.

The Little River Band has requested the paving of Domres Road, near the former Newland Academy. Anderson told them, when the Academy located there, the Manistee Township Board had stated the road would not be moved ahead in priority in black topping. Anderson will contact them, and see if they wish to pay the township's share with the Manistee County Road Commission to have the project move ahead.

Manistee Township Assessor Connie Anderson has prepared an advertisement for a Commercial Assessor to review the Commercial property in Manistee Township. There are 151 parcels, with 56 of those vacant land, and 95 listed as improved. The certified

and licensed assessor must return the bid by September 1, 2004, and complete the work by December 1, 2004. There were no comments on the ad.

Clerk Dinsen gave the Primary Election Report to the Manistee Township Board. The August 3, 2004 Primary had 480 voters, of those 29% or 141 voters voted by Absent Ballot, prior to the Election. There were 13 Election workers who totaled 116.5 working hours in the polls. Sixteen election inspectors attended school and were certified to work on the election. There were three new workers who have never worked an election before this election. The new workers will allow the precinct workers to work seven ½ hour days, instead of the usual 15 hours. Manistee Township had an overall turnout of 20%, and the State Wide average was 12%.

The current bills for the month of August were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of August. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson stated Manistee Township will be applying for a Revenue Sharing Grant for replacement of the present brush rig for the Fire Department. He suggested the township consider a matching grant for the application. This will be considered at the September meeting of the Manistee Township Board.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission has not been scheduled. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will hold an Ordinance Work Session on August 24, 2004 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 first Wednesday, September 1, 2004, 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 Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC