

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M. April 14, 2011, at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Revolt, County Commissioner Duane Anderson, Keith Brown of PEG, James Wisniski, No´el Solis, Tom Kaminski, Dave Yarnell, Ron Purgiel, Jim Krolczyk, Cyndy Fuller of the Alliance for Economic Success.

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2011 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 March. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the 2011 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file.

Ron Purgiel questioned the parking situation for the Bridge St. project. He was told that there were to be signs put up directing users to the parking lot and area south of the out building. He is concerned about the actions of people with no respect for others property.

Cyndy Fuller was introduced and provided a power point presentation concerning the collaborative grant application. After the presentation it was moved by Dontz seconded by Smith that we send a letter of support to the revenue sharing board. Roll call vote showed Anderson, Dontz, Smith, Hutchinson, in favor and an abstention from Bjorkquist.

Duane Anderson reported that the county is going to hire a county planner.

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

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated there were 2 receipts and many phone calls. There will be an appeal heard on May 10, 2011 from Lake Bluff Audubon Society.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 19 fire/medical runs during the month March of 2011.

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 June 13, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. to award the grants, at the Manistee Township Hall.

The Bridge st. project will begin when we have 28 days of 45 degree or warmer weather.

Dunlap is looking into writing a grant for a structural evaluation at the old hall on Bridge Street. Many items need to be addressed. We are looking to make a hand out for the trash collection on May 14, 2011 so residents can offer input.

The River Rd. project contract is now signed work should begin soon.

A resolution was signed for the bank to allow more options of investment.

A resolution for a six month moratorium on the Medical Marijuana was passed with options for and extension if necessary. The motion was made by Dontz seconded by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Anderson yes, Smith yes, Dontz yes, Bjorkquist yes, Hutchinson yes.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Onekama Township Hall, on April 27, 2011, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 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, May 10, 2011 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, May 12 , 2011, 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 9:04 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson
Manistee Township Clerk