

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, December 9, 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, Clarence Smith, Chuck Barrons, and Asst. Chief Paul Revolt, and Tina Cracht of the PEG network.

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

The minutes of the November 9, 2004 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 December. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 4, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the November 12, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission Public Hearing 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.

A letter was received from the Michigan District 10 Health Department asking for written support of their water monitoring at beaches in Manistee and Mason Counties. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to send a letter of support for the grant application to monitor the water at Mason & Manistee County beaches during the 2005 summer. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the Manistee Township Planning Commission, Linda Anderson from Wade Trim, Attorney Richard Wilson, officers of Manistee Holding, and their legal advisors will have a meeting on January 20, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. The Planning Commission will hold a work session on December 14, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., and a Public Hearing on December 16, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. regarding the Northwoods Development project. Both meetings will be held at the Manistee Township Hall.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator presented a revised list of fees recommended by the Manistee Township Planning Commission. Those fees include:

Land Use Permits

Residential \$ 50.00 Commercial \$250.00

Zoning Appeal \$300.00 Plus Costs

Zoning Amendment \$750.00 Plus Costs
Special Use Permit \$300.00 Plus Costs
Demolition Permit \$ 25.00
Special Mtg. Fee \$450.00

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to adopt the new fee schedule effective January 1, 2005. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, and Anderson in favor. Bjorkquist opposed. Motion carried. The fee schedule was last revised in 1998.

Paul Revolt, Asst. Chief of the Manistee Township Fire Department reported the department held four training sessions, and responded to twelve fire/medical runs during the month of November. This totaled 163 man hours.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month, with both Insta-Launch, and the Heathlands being closed.

In regard to the Manistee County Road Commission it was noted.

1. Pomeroy Road is passable, but not complete.
2. The guard rails are up on Dontz Road, and the grade is considered acceptable level where there are no guard rails.
3. The completion of Kott/Dontz Road is not scheduled prior to 2007.
4. The Road Commission has scheduled us to meet with them on January 26. We will ask that meeting be changed to January 12, at 7:00 P.M. at the Road Commission offices.

Dinsen mentioned the beginning of a program to mark non-motorized paths in the area, for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. This and the use of right of ways by ATV's will be discussed with the Road Commission in January.

The proposed schedule of meeting dates with changes for 2005 was agreed upon by consensus. This will be published.

The Manistee County Planning Commission has asked to use the Manistee Township Hall for their regular monthly meetings. They have met at Onekama Township Hall, for a central location for the county. It was asked, if they want to meet in Manistee, why don't they use the Court House. No decision was reached.

Dinsen presented each board member with a Certificate of Election, received from the Manistee County Clerk's office.

Supervisor Anderson noted the Manistee Township Board of Review will meet at the Manistee Township Hall, on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 5:30 P.M. to correct Errors and Omissions.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the recommendation of the Manistee Township Fire Department to appoint Paul Revolt, Assistant Chief, and Tom Maier, Asst. Secretary, Jack Watson, Secretary. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The current bills for the month of December were presented.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on January 19, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Planning Commission will hold a work session on December 14, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., and a Public Hearing on December 16, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. regarding the Northwoods Development project.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, January 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk