

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at 7:30 P.M., 2004, 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, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Donna Williams, and Jake Bielski from Channel 2.

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

The minutes of the May 13, 2004 Manistee Township Board meeting 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 June. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 3, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the June 1, 2004 Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting 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.

In public comment Clara Kraus Saari thanked board member Bjorkquist for placing the benches at the Bar Lake outlet.

John Mencarelli introduced Jake Bielski who will be filming the meetings for Channel 2.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator and the Manistee Township Planning Commission would like to find a way for the County Planning office to issue addresses prior to a land use permit. It becomes an issue when we do not receive addresses. Marble will formulate a letter of the concerns, and Dinsen will present it to the Manistee County Chapter of MTA.

Fire Chief, John Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of June. There were 80 man hours in meetings and maintenance, and 50 man hours on fire/medical/assistance calls. The fire trucks were all certified on compression ability, Wednesday, June 9, 2004 by the NFDA. Chief Dunlap has attended a class at Blacker Airport on Homeland Security.

The Manistee Township Fire Department elected and recommended to the Manistee Township Board John Dunlap as Chief, Dan Revolt as Captain, and Jack Dinsen as Treasurer. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to accept and support the recommendation of the Manistee Township Fire Department in their choice of officers.

All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the only significant change to any liquor licensees during the past month, was the opening of Happy Chappy's Party store.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will not meet during the months of June & July.

Resident Donna Williams asked for information on the progress of Pomeroy Road. Board members have been contacted by Ricky Anderson who lives at the north end of Pomeroy Road in Stronach Township. He is very opposed to any construction. The problem is not only the water holes, but the fact the Road Commission has a policy of plowing only one end of a dead end road. This left the Williams snow blowing Pomeroy Road to get in and out last winter. Anderson will talk with Manistee County Road Commission Manager Jerry Peterson, and see if he has any information at this time.

Dinsen had contacted several firms on the possibility of the installation of a new light in the NW corner of the parking lot. A bid from Windenmuller Electric came in at \$2,300.00. Board member Dontz suggested a new street light with Consumers Energy may be a less expensive solution. Dinsen will check on the possibility of a street light.

The replacement windows at the old hall were discussed. Information that the windows must be of tempered glass, and the concern for the type of window was discussed. It was agreed to the specification that the windows are double hung, with a removable grid. Dinsen will have more information at the next meeting.

Trash Day was held on May 15, 2004. There were more than ninety people who checked in, some with more than one load. There were four 30 yard dumpsters of trash, and one 40 yard and one 30-yard dumpster of metal collected, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.. The many volunteers were thanked for their help.

The replacement of the steps to the upper level was discussed. Bjorkquist has a bid of \$4,000.00 complete for the steps to be replaced with concrete. The cost of timbers 8 X 8X10 would be between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00. Then labor would be on top of that cost. Board members will look at the steps for width, and then decide at the next board meeting which would be the best option.

Dinsen noted they have created a wood chip path on Cedar Place right-of-way to keep foot traffic, and car traffic separate. Ernie Sievert donated wood chips, and the Dinsen's spread them

Jerry Peterson, manager of the Manistee County Road Commission arrived. He stated the permit from the Forest Service to remove trees on Pomeroy Road is a lifetime permit. Therefore, work can be done at any time. However, we again suggested improving the road to 40 feet wide, adding gravel, and this would upgrade the road to a non seasonal road. Peterson will prepare an estimate. He did warn the work would not be done before October. Peterson stated the availability of brine is down to two ½ trucks per day, and there is 800 miles of roads in the County needing brine. Without rain this will be a dusty summer.

Dinsen thanked Peterson for the fine smooth black topping job on Lakeshore Road. Reith Riley did Lakeshore Road and they will be doing Dontz Road. Peterson Road and Birch Road do not have this fine surface.

Anderson noted the Manistee County Humane Society has asked board members to attend the ground breaking for their new building on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 1:00 P.M..

The board acknowledged the death of Larry Hutchinson a life long resident of Manistee Township, and a charter member of the Manistee Township Fire Department. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. at the Good Shepard Church.

The current bills for the month of June were presented.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to pay the bills as they are received for the month of June. 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, June 23, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Planning Commission will hold a work session on June 17, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will hold their meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 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 second Thursday, July 8, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to go into a closed session to discuss litigation. Dinsen, Smith, Anderson, Bjorkquist, and Dontz voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was further moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to ask Zoning Administrator Rob Marble to be included as part of the closed session. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Those attending the meeting were excused.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to end the closed session regarding litigation, and return to the open meeting. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Litigation was discussed in the closed session, and no decisions were reached.

The public was invited back into the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk