

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 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 Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Duane Anderson, Keith Brown of PEG, John Smith, drain commissioner hopeful, Jim Henderson and John Kruse concerned about the Bar Lake Association.

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

The minutes of the June 14, 2011 Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Dennis Bjorkquist, seconded by John Dontz 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 Dennis Bjorkquist seconded by John Dontz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

Jim Henderson was here to offer a tour of Bar Lake to see the millfoil infestation and the lake level. He also urged getting a committee started to get a survey to see what can be done to control the situation.

Tom Smith was here to introduce himself and let us know he is running for Drain Commissioner.

Duane Anderson, Commissioner was questioned if we have been receiving information on the sewer situation.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the planning commission is working on holding a public hearing regarding the Medical Marijuana issue. Also working on a noise ordinance, and the master plan. He had 3 receipts and 1 complaint.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 9 fire 10 medical runs during the month of June. There was a total of 237 work hours. The fire department is working on an agreement that will let us charge for services over 1 ½ hours on site for line down, excessive calls for non-emergency issues.

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

Clara Kraus Saari reported on the July 5 meeting at the Oaks. Officer Ball was selected as Officer of the year. Currently there are 1108 prisoners, there were twelve new hires, the prison is no a level 2. Most are lifers that have calmed down.

Bjorkquist reported that the ramp is again in process, letters and e-mails have been exchanged.

On a motion by John Dontz seconded by Dennis Bjorkquist to approve the resolution to approve the participation in the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative. A roll call vote shows Bjorkquist Yes; Dontz Yes; Smith Yes; Hutchinson Yes; Anderson Yes.

Manistee Township
Manistee County, Michigan

RESOLUTION OF THE MANISTEE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN LAND TO LAKES REGIONAL INITIATIVE
AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the quality of life and economic well-being of Manistee Township is of paramount concern to the Manistee Township Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a master plan and implementation strategy developed with the input of all regional interests, can serve as a guide for achieving the quality of life and economic well-being goals of Manistee Township; and

WHEREAS, a master plan and implementation strategy that provides a guide for the future of Manistee Township as well as for neighboring governmental units, may serve to identify issues and opportunities that cross unit-of-government borders and are of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, a master plan and implementation strategy may also provide greater focus and unity around shared goals and objectives and create economies of scale for attaining those shared goals; and

WHEREAS, a master plan and implementation strategy can also identify opportunities for potential service sharing and other forms of cooperation that may be cost effective and sustain or improve services within the boundaries of Manistee Township and within the boundaries of the region formed by other, participating units of government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Manistee Township hereby agrees to participate in the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative sponsored by the Alliance for Economic Success to develop a collaborative master plan and implementation strategy for the areas of Manistee and Benzie Counties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or any other document involving the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative, including any so-called "Agreement to Partner", Manistee Township reserves the right to end its participation in the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative at any time, does not intend to be, or to become, a partner with any other governmental unit or private entity participating in the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative and hereby disclaims any implication that by its participation in this program, it is "partnering" or becoming a member of a partnership with any other entity, public or private.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Manistee Township hereby disclaims any intent to become liable, jointly or severally, for the debts or obligations of any other participant in the Land to Lakes Regional Initiative and any and all such liability is hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: _____

THOSE VOTING AGAINST: _____

THOSE ABSENT OR ABSTAINING: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED PASSED: _____

Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Township Clerk, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Manistee Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting duly noticed and held on the 12th day of July, 2012

Township Clerk

Fire Department insurance was discussed there is an increase in the coverage to the policy which increases from \$70,000 to \$150,000 for death from certain causes. On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Dontz to pay the increase and also to pay for three years creating a saving the motion was passed.

Dontz brought up the addition to the fire barn, he has concerns about size and door. Dontz and Dunlap, fire chief, will get together and discuss some of the concerns.

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

Bjorkquist reported that Jack Garber and the City groomed the beaches.

Saari again mentioned her desire to see picnic tables.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Norman Township Hall, on July 25, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 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, August 2, 2012 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 August 9, 2012, 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 8:17 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson