

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, July 8, 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, Greg Gielczyk, and Paul Revolt.

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

The minutes of the June 10, 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 July. 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 July 1, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission 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.

A letter was received from West Shore Hospital Auxiliary, asking for permission to hold a tag day in Manistee Township on August 14, 2004. There were no objections from the Manistee Township Board.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the rewriting of the Zoning Ordinance has been going at a very slow pace. The contract with Wade-Trim allows for Linda Anderson to meet with the Planning Commission four times. She has been here seven times thus far. Marble suggested the Planning Commission meet without her, and then hold a verbal telephone conference to establish what changes have been made to the ordinance. The completed material on the changes in the ordinance will be copied, distributed to board members, and then they can start from that point.

Paul Revolt of the Manistee Township Fire Department, reported the department held four training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of June. There were 59 man hours spent in training and meetings, and 51 man hours spent in response to runs.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. Each establishment is up and running - waiting for warmer weather to boost the sales.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on August 9, 2004, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. The deadline for filing grant applications will be September 17, 2004, verbal presentations can be made on October 11, 2004, and the grants will be awarded on November 7, 2004. The Little River Revenue Sharing Board

will be working with approximately \$939,676.94, for this cycle, and an additional portion will be used for PILT funding.

The Oaks Prison Liaison Committee met, and discussed the letter from Eastlake Village regarding manning the towers at the prison. The towers will be manned as in the past. However, the prison has gone from a Level 5 to a Level 4. There will be double bunking, allowing for a capacity of 1056 prisoners. There are no Level 5 prisoners at the Oaks at this time.

Bids for Pomeroy Road from 2003, January 2004, and then June of 2004 were compared. Dontz had talked with Jerry Peterson, Manager of the Manistee County Road Commission. Peterson indicated there may be grants available for adjoining townships to complete township line roads. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to pursue a grant for completion of Pomeroy Road. If the grant is not available, then we would agree 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. Smith, Dinsen, Dontz, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson will have a plaque engraved for the bench donated by Dale Priester, of State Farm Insurance. The bench will be placed on Zimmerman Lane walking path.

Jim Sievert has offered to use a brush hog, and trim the grass on each side of Zimmerman Lane. The board agreed that would be very helpful. Dontz will contact Sievert.

The question of a street light at the edge of the Township parking lot was discussed. Dontz would like to know the cost of installing a street light.

The board members had looked at the present steps to the upper level of the play ground area. It was agreed to go with the concrete steps. The width would depend on the need for hand rails. Rob Marble will check with the state building inspector, on the need and spacing of hand rails. (Bjorkquist with an engineer. Dinsen with our insurance carrier)

On the advice of Clara Kraus Saari it was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the Closed Session held at the June 10, 2004 meeting. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Anderson noted the Board of Review will meet on July 20, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, for the purpose of correcting errors and omissions.

Judy Cunningham would like to speak with the Manistee Township Board, regarding ground water stewardship. She will be at the July meeting of the Michigan Townships Association, Manistee County Chapter.

Dinsen noted the August Primary will be held on August 3, with the polls being open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Absent ballots for the Primary are available now.

An insurance appraiser hired by our insurance carrier was here this week. He went thru all the buildings, taking measurements, types of construction, and other information. This is part of the new Governmental Accounting Standards Program.

The Michigan Townships Association will hold the Summer Legislative Conference at TreeTops in Gaylord on August 11, 12, & 13. It was agreed if there were board members who decide to go to the conference the next township board meeting would be rescheduled.

Dinsen invited board members and the public to attend the Public Accuracy test for the Accu-Vote machines on July 14, 2004 at 2:00 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. There will be five townships testing at Manistee Township Hall.

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

The Manistee Township Treasurer's Office has purchased a computer, and printer. They will be working on getting the tax records computerized.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on July 28, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will hold a work session on July 15, 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, August 12, 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 seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk