

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, May 13, 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, John Mencarelli, Greg Gielczyk, Jerry Peterson, John Dunlap, Students -Jena Stalmack, Kali Owens, King Chin Leung, and Jason Moore.

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

The minutes of the April 8, 2004, Manistee Township Board meeting were provided. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes as provided. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of May. 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 May 6, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the May 4, 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.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated he is computerizing the land use permits, and the ledger for a more professional product. Then all permits will be assessable on the computer.

According to Fire Chief John Dunlap, the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to five fire/medical runs during the month of April. Work is continuing on the pickup truck the men of the Fire Department are making into a brush rig. Dunlap has completed a walk thru inspection of the Casino, and the County Jail. The blueprints are on hand for the addition to the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

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 not meet in June or July of 2004.

Jerry Peterson of the Manistee County Road Commission stated he had called Mr. Ricky Anderson asking for written permission to discontinue plowing of Pomeroy Road from the north, off Pine Creek. He has not received a return telephone call, or the written permission. Therefore, the Pomeroy Road project is on hold. The question of the fence on the right of way near the Sperling Trust was discussed. Peterson stated he gave them written permission to place the fence on the road right of way. He will

forward a copy of that letter to Manistee Township. The possibility of the entrance to River Road being changed was again discussed, with only speculation, and no one seems to know anything concrete. Dontz Road is on schedule at this point with black topping expected around June 17, depending on the weather. Lakeshore Road from US 31 to Kott Road has been milled down. Depending on the weather, it will receive a one-one quarter inch overlay on the milled area. Then the entire road width including the bike path will receive a one-one quarter inch overlay. There will be some additional work on the catch basins, and drains on Lakeshore Road in that stretch.

The benches are waiting for installation. Anderson will contact Dale Priester on the placement of the bench on Zimmerman Lane.

It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to get bids on vinyl replacement windows for the old hall. During discussion Dinsen withdrew her second, and Bjorkquist withdrew his motion. It was agreed by consensus to form a committee of volunteers of Chuck Gregg, John Anderson, and Becky Dinsen to procure bids for replacement of the windows. Dontz feels there should be two bids, one for the exact same size windows, and also for replacements of the windows into a standard size for all the windows.

There was a reminder that Trash Day will be Saturday, May 15, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.. Volunteers are needed to help for the morning.

Due to conflicts it was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to change the September meeting to September 1, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The need of another light in the parking lot was discussed. Dinsen will have an estimated cost of the light and installation for the next board meeting.

The steps to the upper level need to be repaired or replaced. Bjorkquist will look at them, and have an estimate for the next meeting.

The 5th District Meeting of the Michigan Townships Association will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at Crystal Mountain. All board members are urged to attend.

The City of Manistee would like to have time to explain a proposed Recreational plan for land in Manistee Township, owned by the City of Manistee. It was agreed to ask the City to come at 6:30 P.M. on June 3, 2004, prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and explain to both boards at the same time.

Peterson explained that MDOT will be changing US 31 from four to three lanes, prior to entering Manistee Township, near the City of Manistee line with the township. This will cause traffic to merge prior to the curve at Lakeshore Road and US 31. MDOT also will be working on US 31 from Olson Hill to Coates Highway, converting it to four lanes, in the year of 2007.

The current bills for the month of May were presented. It was moved by Dontz,

seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills as they are received for the month of May. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Pleasanton Township Hall, May 26, 2004 for the Annual Dinner meeting. Reservations are required by May 17, 2004. The dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Cost of the meal is \$8.50 per person, payable in advance.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals board will meet on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 7:00 at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. They will be holding a work session on May 20, 2004.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, June 10, 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 Dontz seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk