

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:15 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, Ann Hooghart, Keith Brown of PEG, Kate Glancy from Richard Wilson's office.

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

The Proposed Budget was discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz the meeting was adjourned. All in favor.

The meeting was re-opened at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the April 12, 2012 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 April. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the April 17, 2012 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.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the planning commission recommended that Township Board extend the Medical Marijuana moratorium for another 3 months. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Smith medical marijuana moratorium was extended for 3 months. All voting in favor. Motion Carried.

A public hearing was held May 7, 2012 regarding Special Use permit to use the former Benchley property as a Funeral Home.

Ann Hooghart spoke on the Kettlehole Drain issue asking for the township board to send a letter to Barry Peterman of the DEQ, with our concerns about issuing a permit . There will be a public hearing hosted by the DEQ on May 23, 2012. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Smith to send a letter to Mr Peterman. All voting in favor. Motion Carried

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to 9 fire/medical 5 false alarms to the hospital, 1 mutual aid run to Stronach, 1 CO detector 1 car accident, a total of 243 man hours during the month of April.

Commissioner Anderson reported that we will be having airplane service starting

May 24, 2012, It will be going to Midway Airport in Chicago. They will be using smaller planes in the winter when traffic is down.

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 meet on June 11, 2012, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall to award grants.

A motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to take down the Old Parkdale School building. A roll call vote was taken. Bjorkquist Yes

Dontz Yes

Smith Yes

Hutchinson Yes

Anderson Yes

On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz an ad will be placed asking for bids. All voting in favor. Motion carried

Trash Day will be Saturday May 12, 2012 the scouts will help again this year. It was also mentioned that they will clear the sand at the Bar Lake outlet.

Bjorkquist made a report on a meeting he had with the DNR, Architect, contractor they will not pay unless it is fixed. That will cost approximately \$69,000.00. On a motion by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz he asked permission to send a letter asking for an extention. All Voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

Under public comment Clara Kraus Saari would still like to see picnic tables at the Bar Lake Outlet.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake United Methodist Church, on May 23 2012, at 6:00 P.M. for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 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, June 7, 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 June 14, 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 Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk