

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, November 10, 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, Clarence Smith, Zac Splitz of PEG, and Greg Gielczyk,

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

The minutes of the October 14, 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 November. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 4, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were not received. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet in November.

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

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator presented board members with a county wide comparison and a proposed fee schedule for Manistee Township permits. The fees could be adopted at the December meeting of the Manistee Township board, and become effective after publication. Marble also received material from Linda Anderson of Wade Trim on review of the proposed Manistee Holding PUD. It was suggested he talk with the Manistee Township Planning Commission at the Public Hearing on Thursday evening, and get the feeling of the Planning Commission. Township board members agreed a certified planner needs to review the PUD.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to seven fire/medical runs during the month of November. They received a \$9,000.00 grant for turnout gear and equipment, from the Revenue Sharing Board.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been changes to the liquor licensees during the past month. Insta Launch has closed until April 1, 2004, and the Heathlands Golf Course is nearing closing.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on January 10, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Bjorkquist stated he was disappointed Manistee Township did not get a matching grant for the Fire Department truck.

Supervisor Anderson stated Pomeroy Road is passable, grubbed, graded, and mostly graveled. This will help with the problem of snow plowing from last winter.

Clerk Dinsen gave the following General Election report:

The November 2, 2004 General Election had 1636 voters, of those 26% or 439 voters voted by Absent Ballot, prior to the Election. There were 13 Election workers who totaled 137.5 working hours in the polls. The August 3, 2004 Primary Election saw Manistee Township have an overall turnout of 20%. The November 2, 2004 General Election saw Manistee Township have an overall turnout of 65%, and the State wide average of less than 60%. Past Presidential Elections included -

1984 1469 198
1988 1481 239
1992 1647 310
1996 1460 295
2000 ` 1570 346
2004 1636 438 65% turnout

The windows at the old hall, the tennis courts, steps to the upper level, the light for the parking lot, playground equipment, and road projects will be prioritized for the 2005-2006 budget.

The Manistee County Road Commission asked for input on allowing ATV's to use the road right-of-way as snow mobiles do at this time. There were mixed feelings from the board members. Dontz was opposed for the damage to the roads, and environmental erosion. Bjorkquist was in favor, with limitations. Marble suggested a localized area for permits, or an event permit to use the right-of-ways. Dinsen expressed concern over the suggested speed of 35 mph. A letter will be sent to the Road Commission with these compiled thoughts.

It was noted the Rural Task force will meet on November 22 at 9:00 AM at the Manistee County Road Commission to discuss funding and priority of primary road projects. A letter will be sent asking for completion of the Dontz Road project - including guard rails.

The proposed mutual aid agreement for Manistee County Fire Departments and West Shore Medical Center was discussed. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to sign the Manistee County Mutual Aid agreement. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The proposed meeting calender for the year was given to board members. The calender will need to be published by the end of December.

The current bills for the month of November were presented.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will not meet until January 2005.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. They will hold a work session on November 18, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday December 9, 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk