

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, October 14, 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 Fire Chief John Dunlap, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, Greg Gielczyk, Keith Brown of the PEG Commission, Bob Crowell of Thermolock Windows, and Tina Crecht, a volunteer PEG worker.

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

The minutes of the September 1, 2004 Regular Manistee Township Board meeting and the September 21, 2004 Manistee Township Board Special 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 October. 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 October 7, 2004 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The minutes of the October 6, 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.

Keith Brown, Executive Director of PEG spoke to the board in regard to receiving all the franchise fees from Charter Communications in Manistee Township. These funds would be combined with other franchise fees received to improve the equipment, and service of the PEG programs. Manistee Township has 600 subscribers to Cable, and the Franchise fee is 3%. The Board will take his request in advisement prior to formulating the 2004-2005 budget.

John Dunlap, Chief stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of September.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. He is anticipating some closures when the weather turns cold.

Supervisor Anderson stated he had attended the Oaks Prison Liaison Committee meeting. The Oaks had five critical incidents in July, nine incidents in August, and fourteen incidents in September. As of June 14, 2004, the Oaks went from a Level 5 to a Level 4 prison. The anticipated prisoner count will rise to 1050 prisoners when the facility is full.

Bjorkquist stated the Revenue Sharing Committee met on October 11, and heard oral presentations. Grant applications totaled \$2,123,843.00, with approximately \$1,580,000.00 to be appropriated. The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on November 8, 2004, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, to issue the grants.

Pomeroy Road is being stumped at this time. Snow fences are up at the Bar Lake Outlet.

Bjorkquist and two other firemen installed the bench on the Zimmerman walking trail. Dale & Anita Priester donated the bench. They will be thanked and billed for the bench.

The City has not returned the agreement on servicing the hydrants. The Manistee Township Fire Department would like them serviced for the protection of the people in Manistee Township.

One bid was received from Bob Crowell, Thermolock North Distribution for the replacement windows of the old hall.

The cost of double hung windows would be \$8,180.00 Total  
Installation \$4,200.00 \$12,380.00  
The cost of single hung windows would be \$7,377.00 Total  
Installation \$4,200.00 \$11,577.00

There would be a cost and materials clause if there was dry rot, or other problems requiring additional work. There was a great deal of discussion on the project. It was agreed since the replacement windows would replace only the existing windows, and be placed in the same frames - board members wanted to look at the building and consider a decision at a later time.

The steps to the upper level and play ground area will wait until spring.

A bid was received from Hentco for the restoration of the tennis courts. The cost would be \$12,993.00, with work done in the spring of 2005. The bid was received September 9, and was good for 30 days. Dinsen will contact Hentco, and see if it is still a valid bid. The bid for resurfacing of the tennis courts from Asphalt sealing was \$3,750.00. Pleasanton Township had their tennis courts done by Hentco, and were very satisfied.

Manistee Township had advertized for snow plowing bids for Manistee Township buildings. A bid was received from Forbes Sanitation and Digging.

Four wheel drive plow truck \$25.00 per hour  
Loader \$50.00 per hour (\$5.00 increase from 2003-2004 bid)  
Sander \$30.00 per hour

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to accept the bid of Forbes for snow plowing. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen reminded those present that absent ballots are available for the November 2,

2004 General Election. There are more than 300 absent ballots out at this time.

The roof vent on the 410 Holden Street building needs to be replaced. A bid was received from Bob's Roofing for \$627.00. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the bid of Bob's Roofing for end to end removal of the ridge vent, installation of a new ridge vent, cap with shingles per manufacturers specifications, and remove all debris, at a cost of \$627.00. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on October 27, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. The Manistee County Fire Fighters would like time to address those attending and discuss the mutual aid package.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a work session on October 21, 2004 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 Wednesday, November 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 8:55 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk