

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, at 7:30 P.M., January 12, 2012, 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, Dave Yarnell, Sally Reckow.

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

The minutes of the December 8, 2011 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 December. It was moved by seconded by to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the December 1, 2011 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The approved minutes of the December 6, 2011 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.

Guy E Finout III, Zoning Administrator stated the appeals board met in December, they planned two meetings for 2012, they distributed the recreation plan for review.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 20 fire/medical runs during the month of December. They had 180 man hours, Dunlap had 60, Daniel had 25. They had 255 total runs for the year and 180 were medical runs

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month.

Clara Saari gave a report on the Oaks meeting January 5, 2012 at 4:00PM. They have six new employees, there were two promotions from within, a meritorious service award was given to Ian Skeans. There are 358 staff persons, and 1098 inmates. She also reported that he has 50 State Police officers on the roads and will soon have an office at the prison.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on February 13, 2012, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The ramp on Bridge St is not built to specs, State may not reimburse us. Nordlund recommends not paying Swidorski. Mr Bielat is waiting for a reply, it may be to shallow.

MTA Conference is January 24 through 27.

Discussion about roads shows River Road completion to be a priority. There are some questions about Kott Suida Dontz road and population factors.

The Bridge st building was discussed should we set up a public hearing with facts such as costs. It was noted that there are records in the building that must be moved. It would be approximately \$20,000.00 to remove, if there is no asbestos.

On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to remove the old building. A roll call vote was taken.

Smith No  
Hutchinson No  
Anderson No  
Dontz Yes  
Bjorkquist Yes  
Motion Defeated

A second motion was made by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist that upon Attorney Richard Wilson's opinion regarding legalities we remove the Bridge St Building. Discussion brought out having a public hearing. A roll call vote was taken.

Smith No  
Dontz Yes  
Bjorkquist Yes  
Smith No  
Hutchinson No

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

A motion was made by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to allow Manistee Township Planning Commission to work with Rob Carson on updating the Recreation plan and incorporating it into the Master Plan. Motion Carried

Ms Saari again made mention of the Picnic Tables at the Bar Lake Outlet.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Dickson Township Hall, on January 18, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 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, February 2, 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, February 9, 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 seconded by to adjourn the meeting at P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson  
Manistee Township Clerk