

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie Jankweitz, and Joy Hutchinson. Also present were Zoning Administrator Guy E Finout III, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Asst Chief Chuck Barrons, County Commissioner Karl Waitner, Keith Brown of PEG, Wes Owens, Judy Dunlap, Jerry Peterson County Road Commission.

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

The minutes of the April 10, 2013 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. The receipts were \$ 34,633.93 expenditures were \$ 40,559.27 leaving a balance of \$ 296,077.86 in the General Fund as of April 30, 2013. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Appeals Board granted 3 variances, landscaping along the highway and Perry St. and to reduce the number islands in the parking lots.

Jerry Peterson of the road commission said he could put just a cap on Manistee Township's section of Farr Rd and reduce costs considerably. Dontz made a motion seconded by Bjorkquist to authorize the board to sign for the Farr Rd improvement including putting 6 inches of gravel at the end of Farr Rd. costs not to exceed \$ 35,000.00. Bjorkquist yes, Dontz yes, Jankweitz yes, Hutchinson yes, Anderson yes.

Dontz made a motion seconded by Bjorkquist to approve the Holden Street project. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Karl Waitner told us the Commissioners were taking a tour of PCA; Fair will be different this year it will have a circus rather than a carnival, there will be an article in the news advocate; Bar Lake Improvement Board will have an attorney come next time; planning to send a survey to the residents and then set a list of priorities; also planning a feasibility study.

Zoning Administrator reported he had three receipts, John Bond was granted permission to build his garage in the same place. He has attended many sewer project meetings; working on the Lakes to Land project to create a regional plan. The site approval plan for the Meijer project will probably take place in June.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to 10 medical runs and 1 trailer fire, 2 power lines down 1 cable line down and 1 car accident during the month of April for a total of 325 man hours. Papers went to the

state on Friday for the permits for the Fire department addition to the building.

Guy Finout will be in on Friday, May 10, 2013.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the liquor licenses are all out to the establishments.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on June 10, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall and award the grants.

The MTA annual dinner meeting will be held on May 22, 2013 and the Bear Lake Methodist Church dinner will be served at 6:30.

Supervisor Anderson made the following appointment to the Planning Board, Clara Saari. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist she was approved for a four year term. He appointed Linda Finout to the Appeals board. On a motion by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist she was approved. Todd Mallison was approved as the alternate to the Appeals board on a motion by Bjorkquist and seconded by Dontz.

The next meeting of the Township Board will convene at 7:00 for discussion on the budget items.

Dontz made a motion seconded by Bjorkquist to pay the bills in the amount of \$33,383.49 for the month of May.

The **Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association** will meet at the Bear Lake United Methodist Church for the Annual Dinner Meeting, on May 22, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board** will be held on **Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the **Manistee Township Planning Commission** will be held on **Thursday, June 6, 2013 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 13, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Hutchinson, Clerk