

The Manistee Township Board met at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 to review the proposed expenditures and revenues for the 2006 - 2007 fiscal year. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, M. Rebecca Dinsen, John M. Dontz, and Connie Smith. Also, present were a number of township residents and guests.

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

The proposed expenditures, revenues, increases, decreases, and the amounts in each account as of January 31, 2006, were reviewed.

Supervisor Anderson asked for public comment and there was time for questions and comments. The budget will be discussed at the March 16, 2006, 7:30 P.M. Manistee Township Board meeting. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:28 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at 7:30 P.M., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, John M Dontz, Connie L Smith, and M. Rebecca Dinsen. Also, present were Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Jim & Bob Schudlich, Janet & Roger Andersen, John Dunlap, John Kruse, Steve Carrier, Patrick Dougherty, Jamie & Jamie Tabaczka, Sherry & Russ Spencer, Heather Spencer, Dennis & Sue Lindeman, Theresa Cabot, Stacy Vaas, Amanda Mikula, Dennis Mikula, Dennis Switalski, and others.

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

The minutes of the January 12 Regular Meeting, January 18, 2006 Manistee County Road Commission Meeting, and the January 31, 2006 Informational Meeting with Brian Brady of the MDEQ 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 February. The receipts were \$90,839.41, expenditures were \$43,966.02, leaving a balance of \$466,290.19 in the General Fund as of February 1, 2006. 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 January 5, 2006 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting

were presented to each board member. They are proposed minutes and were not approved. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 7:00 P.M..

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

In public comment Clara Kraus Saari spoke to the Road Commission meeting minutes. She would like it to be a matter of record she is extremely unhappy with the prospect of Kott/Dontz Road not being in the plans for primary road improvement until 2016.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated there will be a presentation by MSU Extension, at Manistee City Hall on the Health of Manistee Lake on March 29, 2006. The meeting will be held in the conference room at 7:00 P.M. Reservations must be in by March 21, with the cost being \$10.00 per person. He will present this to the Planning Commission tomorrow night. In other comments the Sign Ordinance is moving along, and Planning Commission hopes to hold a Public Hearing on the ordinance in the near future.

In public comment Sherry Spencer spoke to problems "their outdoor furnace has created in the neighborhood." She wants the issue settled now. She made several suggested concessions. The issues raised at the January 31 Informational Meeting were discussed again. There was a great deal of comment, input, and suggestions. The matter was reviewed for more than 30 minutes, without change.

Fire Chief John Dunlap, stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to twelve fire/medical runs during the month of January 2006. There was discussion on the number of runs to West Shore Medical Center, especially during their construction phase.

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

The Oaks Prison Liaison group did not meet this month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, for their Organizational meeting. LRBOI Grant applications must be in by March 3, 2006.

The new Manistee Township Fire Truck is ready. Chief John Dunlap will be going to Gaylord on Friday to check it out, before it is delivered to the department.

The estimates for the Bridge Street Boat launch have not been received.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission was asked for a change in zoning classification on a parcel of land located at the east end of Piney Road. This land would

be placed into the same category as the western section of Piney Road. This will allow the people to pursue construction on lots less than five acres in size. All other permits with the DEQ, wells, septic would have to be obtained at the time of future construction. This change was approved by the Manistee Township Planning Commission, coincides with the Manistee Township Master Plan, and was approved by the Manistee County Planning Commission. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Smith to adopt the Zoning Change to the parcel of land at the east end of Piney Road owned by John Kruse as recommended. Anderson, Dontz, Smith, Dinsen voting in favor. Bjorkquist opposed. Motion carried.

Bjorkquist continues to work on the Manistee Township Recreation Plan. It will include Zimmerman Lane, the Bar Lake Outlet, and the area around the township hall, and Bridge Street building. It was suggested to make the areas as handicap accessible as possible. It was agreed to apply for a LRBOI Revenue Sharing Grant for a portion of the funds for township playground equipment.

It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to change the March meeting from the third Wednesday to the third Thursday, which is March 16, 2006. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on February 22, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. They will have a work session in February, but a date has not been set. The Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the third Thursday, March 16, 2006, 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 8:37 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk