

The Manistee Township Board met at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 to review the proposed expenditures and revenues for the 2005 - 2006 fiscal year. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, M. Rebecca Dinsen, John M. Dontz, and Darlene Smith. Also, present were Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, and Chuck Barrons.

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, 2005, 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, 2005, 7:30 P.M. Manistee Township Board meeting. It was moved by Dontz, 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
Manistee Township Clerk

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, Chuck Barrons, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Keith Brown of PEG, MRA representatives Sandy Saylor & Juanita LaFriere,

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John W. Anderson.

The minutes of the January 13, 2005, 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 February. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Bjorkquist to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 20, 2005 Manistee Township Planning Commission meetings 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.

Sandy Saylor of the MRA spoke briefly in regard to the change of the contract with the MRA. The cost has gone from \$2,400.00 to more than \$10,000.00 per year. Saylor will provide a total MRA budget, the number of youth participating from Manistee Township, and the method of calculating this figure. The material will be provided to the board members by the MRA prior to the next meeting. The request will be considered at the March 16, 2005 Manistee Township Board meeting.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated there is concern about a State licensed adult foster care home that has opened in the Fearnow subdivision. Manistee Township Zoning ordinance specifically allows for State licensed homes in any zoning district. The home in question has not secured a permit for operation. Marble will talk to these people, and report back at the March meeting. The Manistee Township Planning Commission met with Manistee Holding Corporation and held a Work Session on January 20, 2005.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of January.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on February 14, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. This will be the organizational meeting of the board. Grant application forms have been mailed, and are available.

The applications for an alternate to the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board were discussed. It was agreed to revamp the application, send out new applications, and consider the applications at the March 16, 2005 Manistee Township Board meeting.

The Manistee County Road Commission has sent a proposal of work on River Road from the end of the present black top up through the hills to the curve where River Road runs east and west. The stretch of road from there to the township line will be considered at another time. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to sign the contract with the Manistee County Road Commission for reconstruction of that specific section of River Road at a cost to the township of \$102,070.76. Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dinsen, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

There was no interest in a Manistee Township representative on the PEG Commission. The position will be advertized again.

Dinsen presented a copy of the Manistee County resolution to Encourage

Protection of Public Easements. After discussion it was agreed to rewrite the resolution to reflect not only Lake Michigan, but Bar Lake, all inland lakes, rivers, and streams, within Manistee Township.

Fire Chief John Dunlap reported the Mutual Aid Agreement has been signed by seven townships. It will be presented to Eastlake Village and Stronach Township this month.

Clara Kraus Saari was asked to present an update on the leader log program through the Manistee Lions Club, in cooperation with 4 - H. Presently there is a need for people to accept puppies for a 12 to 18 month time, allowing them to be obedience trained and become socially comfortable. After that time - they will be professionally trained to be leader dogs, and presented to those in need of their acquired skills. Anyone interested in the program, or requiring more information may contact Ms Saari, or the Manistee County 4-H.

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

The Manistee Township Board of Review will meet at the Manistee Township Hall on March 14 & 15, 2005 to hear and read specific complaints on the tax roll. Hours will be advertized and posted.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on February 23, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2005, and March 3, 2005 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. A work session has not been scheduled at this time.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the third Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 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 Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk