

The Manistee Township Board met at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 to review the proposed expenditures and revenues for the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, M. Rebecca Dinsen, John M. Dontz, and Connie Smith. Also, present was Clara Kraus Saari, Chuck Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Chuck Barrons, Guy Finout III, Wayne Janicki Eastlake Village President, Ken Pelarski, Keith Brown of PEG, Bob and Jim Schudlich.

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

Anderson asked for a moment of silence in respect to the passing of Zoning Administrator Rob Marble.

The proposed expenditures, revenues, increases, decreases, and the amounts in each account as of January 31, 2008, were reviewed.

All board members were asked for their input and changes to the budget for the next fiscal. Proposed projects, changes in costs, and decreases in revenues were considered.

Supervisor Anderson asked for public comment and there was time for questions and comments. The budget will be discussed at the Manistee Township Board meeting March 13, 2008, 7:30 P.M. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:22 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

Proposed Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 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 Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, Chuck Barrons, Guy Finout III, Wayne Janicki Eastlake Village President, Ken Pelarski, Keith Brown of PEG, Bob and Jim Schudlich.

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

The minutes of the January 2, 2008 Manistee Township Board meeting was provided. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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 Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the November 8, December 6, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member, accepted, and placed on file. The proposed minutes of the February 5, 2008 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.

Ken Pelarski asked what his rights were concerning barking dogs in the neighborhood. It was suggested that he contact Manistee County Animal Control, if talking to the dog owner does not work. Manistee Township's noise ordinance is regulated by decibels, and not according to annoyance.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to ten fire/medical runs during the month of January. He asked Manistee Township to participate in a proposal to contribute \$1,000.00 per township per year to have in-county training for fire personnel. This would mean educational charges would be limited to books and exams materials. There was agreement by the township board members to the principle of the proposal.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on February 11, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Court House in the Board of Commissioners Room, for their organizational meeting.

Bjorkquist has talked with Jordan Byelich of the Department of Natural Resources on the Bridge Street grant. The grant requires the township to pay for the project and be reimbursed for up to \$20,437.02. A separate account will be created to manage the expenditures and then receipts of this project. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to sign the grant resolution for the Bridge Street boat launch project. Anderson, Bjorkquist, Dinsen, Dontz and Smith voting in favor.

Dontz and Smith attended the meeting at the MCRC on January 17, 2008. Manager Peterson plans on meeting with each township individually, at their regular monthly meetings. Jim Schudlich had a chart indicating Peterson would meet with Manistee Township on February 14. He will be contacted that our meeting for February has been held. Peterson had not contacted any board member indicating he would be coming to

the townships.

Manistee Township's garbage contract will expire on April 1, 2008. Waste Reduction Systems has asked that we extend the contract with a 3% increase. The increase would be \$187.84 per month. The contract could be extended for from one to three years. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Bjorkquist to extend the present contract with Waste Reduction for one year at a rate of \$77,390.16 per year. Dinsen, Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. This cost includes the leaf dumpster, and had included the paper recycling dumpster.

Due to the death of Rob Marble, Manistee Township needs an acting Zoning Administrator. Supervisor Anderson asked for the board members endorsement of Guy Finout III to act as an interim Zoning Administrator. This would allow the boards to develop a job description, and determine the legality of who can do what. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to appoint Guy E Finout III as Interim Zoning Administrator. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The current bills for the month of February were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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 27, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and March 6, 2008 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, March 13, 2008, 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 8:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk