

The Manistee Township Board met at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 8, 2007 to review the proposed expenditures and revenues for the 2007 - 2008 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 Clara Kraus Saari, Chuck Gregg, and County Commissioner Ed Haik,

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

The proposed expenditures, revenues, increases, decreases, and the amounts in each account as of January 31, 2007, were reviewed.

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 8, 2007, 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

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, February 8, 2007 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 was Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Wayne Beldo, Emergency Services Manager of West Shore Medical Center, and Dave Yarnell Executive Director of the Manistee County Chamber of Commerce.

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The minutes of the January 11, 2007 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.

There were no minutes of the February 1, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting. There was not a meeting of the Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board.

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

Dave Yarnell, Executive Director of the Manistee County Chamber of Commerce, spoke to those in attendance regarding the proposed three county wide "Clean Sweep", scheduled for August 25, 2007 at the Manistee County Road Commission building. The project includes a contract with a certified hazardous waste hauler. The program will provide homeowners a place to dispose of household hazardous waste. This will support the effort to protect our groundwater from contamination. The cost will be approximately \$10,000.00 per county, as the disposal will cost \$0.96 per pound. The most equitable fee at this time appears to be a contract of \$0.26 per person, per the 2000 US Census, per township. The formula would have Manistee Township contributing \$875.00. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to sign the contract for Clean Sweep, with a one time contract fee of \$875.00. Dinsen, Dontz, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Clara Kraus Saari Trustee for West Shore Medical Center spoke to those in attendance about the ambulance service for Manistee County. WSMC had 2,117 runs and 1,000 transfers in 2006. The ambulance service showed a loss of \$325,000.00 in 2006. Wayne Beldo, Emergency Services Manager of West Shore Medical Center stated transfers are where 2/3 of the revenue comes from. The insurance, Medicare, & Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance runs has diminished continuously. The average cost of an ambulance run is \$563.00. There is no cost if the patient is not transported. Beldo went on to say if Manistee Township Fire Department wants to respond to medical runs within Manistee Township they must meet criteria. Manistee Township Fire Department must be:

1. Licensed as a Medical First Responder
2. They must have the equipment as provided, such as back boards, cervical collars, blood pressure cuffs, etc.
3. They must be insured by the township insurance provider.
4. Members of the MTFD must continue their updates to be licensed as Medical First Responders, EMT Basic, or EMT Specialist.

Concern was expressed that the Manistee Township Fire Department members would "burn out," and they were essentially doing the work of WSMC. There was a great deal of discussion, and no action was taken. Beldo & Saari were thanked for their time and explanation.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated the Manistee County Library Board has had another resignation. The Library Board has reorganized with new officers, and seems to be headed in the right direction. Work is underway for development of a new animal control ordinance. The county wide ordinances on JAWS

extrications and Dive Team rates are receiving public comments at this time. Those ordinances must be in place to allow the services to be billed by the Sheriff's Department.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated there have been very few permits issued this past month.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Manistee Township Fire Department held five training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of January.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there are a number of requested changes in liquor licensees during the past month. The first item to consider was the request of Northern Naturals, LLC to have a Small Wine Maker License for their property located at 3860 Cohodas Road, Manistee Township. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to grant the Small Wine Maker License to Northern Naturals, LLC. Dinsen, Dontz, Bjorkquist, Smith and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. The second item was the proposed transfer of the present Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant license from Northern Pass Marathon to Gurcharn & Manjit Multani and Amarpreet & Puneet Multani. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to allow the transfer of the Northern Pass Marathon SDD & SDM license as requested. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, February 12, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall for their organizational meeting.

The Manistee Recreation Association sent a list of participants, and a copy of their profit and lost statement. Copies were provided to Board members. It was noted the participant list was many years old - as students listed as fifth & sixth grade are now in high school. Action on the MRA request will be incorporated in the formation of the 2007-2008 budget.

Discussion followed on the possible change of the Manistee County Road Commission Board from a three member to a five member board. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to recommend the Manistee County Board of Commissioners change the Road Commission Board to a five person board. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen reminded those in attendance that West Shore Community College has requested a special election for a millage renewal request on the February 27, 2007 ballot. Any person needing an absent ballot for the election should contact the Clerks office. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM, on election day.

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 28, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 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 8, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Keith Brown of the PEG Commission asked that the Township Board approve of the letter asking for the 2% increase on Cable bills, to be directed to the operation of PEG. Board members recently attended an educational seminar where there were advised the new Cable Television legislation is in litigation, and board members were advised to sign no new agreements until things are ironed out.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dontz to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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