

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 13, 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 was Zoning Administrator Guy Finout, Charles Gregg, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Keith Brown of PEG, Wayne Janicki, Jerry Peterson MCRC Manager, Bob & 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 February 7, 2008 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 March. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The approved minutes of the Manistee Township Planning Commission meetings were not received. The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board did not meet.

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

Jerry Peterson, Manistee County Road Commission Manager, spoke to those present about the changes in the Road Commission funds matching policy. Reconstruction will require a 60% township, 40% MCRC match. While seal coating will become a 70% township and 30% MCRC match. The brining of dirt roads will be done on a contractual basis. The brining would be done the first two weeks of June, the second and third weeks of July, and the third and fourth weeks of August. According to Peterson, the seal coating of Primary Roads in Manistee Township will be completed this year. The Bridge Street Boat Launch project would be best completed in May if all the paper work can be accomplished by then. Peterson was asked for a quote on the cost of lifting, grinding, and applying the black top on River Road, from US 31 to Coho Bend. There have been complaints on the failure of the seal coating last year. The oil has apparently not hardened and the stone did not stick. There will be an investigation this spring, and the oil supplier will make good on correcting the problems. Brown Township is not interested in completion of River Road where it adjoins with Manistee Township.

Ed Haik Manistee County Commissioner stated things have been quiet since the first of the year, with appointments and few issues coming before the commissioners.

On a personal issue he stated the new fishing license requirements state the individual must produce a license and identification for a tribal officer, of any of the five Michigan Tribes. Haik contends the tribal officers do not have the authority to police outside tribal

lands. He has been in ongoing talks with the DNR, and Chris Dobbins at the State Attorney Generals office. They are no longer returning telephone calls to Haik, or local newspapers. State law does not give the tribal officers this authority, and the DNR states those not answering to tribal officers will be ticketed for a misdemeanor. Haik was thanked for the update.

Guy Finout, Zoning Administrator stated the office was quiet with four receipts issued, two for new construction, one for a Land Division, and one for an Ordinance. The Planning Commission met on March 6 with only four members present. Finout is working on the final touches to the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Chief John Dunlap state the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to twelve fire/medical runs during the month of March, for a total of 215 man hours.

Dunlap stated the men of the department would like to see a ceiling put in the fire hall. They will have quotes for the next meeting of the Manistee Township Board. Due to the structure being 35 years old, and the question of the weight on the trusses, the board authorized Dunlap to talk with an engineering firm to determine the structure soundness of adding the weight of this ceiling.

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

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board met on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building, to discuss the distribution of PILT Funds. The PILT funds account for 87% of the distribution at this time. There are disgruntled, misinformed people who feel the formula is unfair. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has not had to deal with this, and it is new ground to all. The matter is being pursued thru legal channels, and no snap decisions will be made.

The Bridge Street Boat ramp material has been sent to the State of Michigan, however they have not decided what they would like us to do next. Hopefully that information will be forthcoming.

Dinsen prepared a list of changes proposed at the Budget Hearing held on February 7, 2008. The proposed Revenue and Expenditures of Manistee Township were discussed. It was moved by Dontz and seconded by Smith to adopt the following resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2008 - 2009 Budget. Dinsen, Bjorkquist, Dontz, Smith and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

#### GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT MANISTEE TOWNSHIP

This is an ordinance to establish a General Appropriations Act for Manistee Township;

to define the powers and duties of the Manistee Township Officers in relation to the administration of the budget.

The Board of Trustees of Manistee Township ordains:

This ordinance will be known as the Manistee Township General Appropriations Act.

The Supervisor will be the chief administrative officer and will perform the duties of the chief administrative officer enumerated in this Act.

The Clerk will be the fiscal officer and will perform the duties of the fiscal officer as enumerated in this Act.

Pursuant to MCLA 141.412: MCLA 141.413 Notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was published in the News Advocate a newspaper of general circulation on January 31, 2008, and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on February 7, 2008.

Estimated township General Fund revenues for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 including a proposed allocated millage of 1.43 mills: will total approximately \$125,000.00

The Manistee Township Board will cause to be levied and collected the General Property Tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount equal to 1.43 mills as set forth by the tax allocation board.

Estimated township General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 for various activities are listed by account in the 2008-2009 Manistee Township proposed budget.

The 2008-2009 General Fund Budget of Manistee Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in the 2008-2009 proposed budget.

The Chief Administrative Officer will have the authority to make transfers among the various cost centers without prior board approval, if the amount to be transferred does not exceed \$2,000.00. The Board will be notified at its next meeting of any such transfers made. Under no circumstances may the total General Fund Budget be changed without prior board approval.

Motion made by Dontz, seconded by Smith to adopt the foregoing ordinance. Upon roll call vote, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in favor. None opposed. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the ordinance is duly adopted on the thirteenth day of March 2008.

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M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk

I, M. Rebecca Dinsen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Manistee Township, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted ordinance adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the March 13, 2008 Manistee Township Board minutes.

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M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk

The proposed changes in the 2008-2009 expenditures and revenues include;

Fire Chief increase \$10.00 per month from \$2,240.00 to \$2,360.00 a year  
Asst. Fire Chief pay increase of \$5.00 per month from \$720.00 to \$780.00 a year  
Maintenance Man increase \$0.25 per hour to \$9.50 per hour  
Deputy Clerk & Treasurer increase \$0.50 per hour to \$10.00  
Trustees increase \$20.00 per month to \$2,700.00  
Supervisor increase \$30.00 per month to \$11,360.00  
Treasurer increase \$40.00 per month to \$13,980.00  
Clerk increase \$40.00 per month to \$16,460.00  
Election workers would be paid \$8.50 per hour, chairperson \$9.00 per hour

The job description for the Zoning Administrator/Planning official is progressing. Many places say this job description should be contained in the Zoning Ordinance. MSU and MTA have material of a general nature. The Planning Commission, ZBA, and Township board need to decide what they want the official to do for them, in the capacity of Zoning Administrator.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to change the April meeting of the Manistee Township Board from Thursday, April 10, 2008 to Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

It was noted by Clerk Dinsen, the close of registration for the May 6, 2008 School election will be April 7, 2008.

Bjorkquist received communication from Abonmarche of the proposed project of a barrier free ramp and viewing deck at the Bar Lake Outlet. There are grant funds available if the township board moves forward. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to pursue the concept of a barrier free viewing deck and ramp at the Bar Lake outlet property. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the

Bear Lake Township Hall, on March 26, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 3, 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 third Wednesday, April 16, 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 Dontz seconded by Dinsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC  
Manistee Township Clerk