

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, March 16, 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, Charles Gregg, Clarence Smith, Keith Brown, Greg Gielczyk, and Paul Revolt.

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

The minutes of the February 2, 2005, Manistee Township Board meeting were 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 March. It was moved by Bjorkquist seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 20, February 3, and March 3, 2005 Manistee Township Planning Commission 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.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the Planning Commission continues to work on updating the Zoning Ordinance, and the Northwoods development is progressing.

The Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to fourteen fire/medical runs during the month of February.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated the Spirit Harbor (formerly Jug-N-Plug) has closed for a 30-day vacation. There were no other changes in licensees during the past month.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on Monday, April 11, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, for oral presentations.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Dinsen to appoint Todd Mallison as an Alternate to the Zoning Appeals Board. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by member Bjorkquist, and seconded by Dontz.

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE
PROTECTION OF PUBLIC EASEMENTS
TO LAKE MICHIGAN, INLAND LAKES, STREAMS AND RIVERS
IN MANISTEE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board held in the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, Manistee, MI on sixteenth day of March 2005,

Present: Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist, Anderson & Dinsen

Absent: None

The following resolution was offered by Bjorkquist, And seconded by Dontz;

Whereas, Michigan Conservation Districts were created by concerned landowners and are administered by a publicly elected Board of Directors, and

Whereas, Public Act 463, the Conservation District Law, enables Conservation Districts to provide for the conservation of the natural resources by protecting public lands and protecting the tax base, and

Whereas, a major goal of Michigan's Conservation Districts include the promotion of maintained the aesthetic values of land and related resources, facilitating land use based on land capabilities and user goals, and encouraging conversion of all mismanaged land to a productive use, and

Whereas, Michigan Conservation Districts are enabled to provided leadership and expertise as well as administrative and technical assistance; and

Whereas, public access points to Lake Michigan, Bar Lake, inland lakes, rivers and streams are disappearing at an alarming rate as development in Michigan continues, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of local governments to promote easement access for its citizenry

Now therefore be in resolved, that the Manistee Township Board supports the preservation and protection of public easements to Lake Michigan, Bar Lake, inland lakes, rivers and streams in Manistee Township,

Be it Further Resolved, that Manistee Township encourages Manistee County to support the preservation and protection of public easements in Manistee Township.

Motion made by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call vote, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, Dontz, and Anderson voting in

favor. None opposed. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution is duly adopted on the sixteenth day of March 2005

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 resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the March 16, 2005 Manistee Township Board minutes.

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There were no applicants for the PEG Commission to represent Manistee Township.

Mr. Brown stated the seven person board is full at this time, without a representative from our area.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Manistee Township Board of Review met on Monday, March 14, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon, and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Tuesday, March 15, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. There were 23 people who appeared in person, and fourteen who mailed in appeals. Those requests will be reviewed on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. by the Board of Review.

Chuck Gregg will send in samples of the water from the hall, to be tested for contaminates. Anderson is requesting the Manistee County Road Commission pay for the testing.

Keith Brown of the Public Educational & Governmental television channel asked that Manistee Township reimburse PEG in the amount of 40% of the franchise fees. We received \$8,903.71 in 2004 for the 3% franchise fee. Brown wants equity between the City of Manistee and others using the PEG system. The City of Manistee charges a 5% franchise fee and has 2,500 subscribers, Manistee Township has approximately 500 subscribers and charges a 3% fee. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to contract with PEG for \$1,000.00 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, with the possibility of an additional \$400.00 at the end of our fiscal year. All voting in favor. Motion carried. There is concern for the internal problems of PEG, public perception of Channel 2, lack of volunteers, and general complaints from subscribers.

There will be a regional summit for county and township elected officials on Wednesday, April 20, at the Portage Point Inn. All board members are

encouraged to attend. Reservations must be received by April 6, 2005.

Supervisor Anderson, and Fire Chief Dunlap attended a meeting on Monday between the Airport Authority, the Little River Band, and Manistee Township on fire protection. The airport will be required to have fire equipment manned on every landing and take off. They are contemplating building a structure, and would like fire equipment on hand. The Little River would like to build a structure and have a separate but attached building to house a ladder truck for fire protection on their property. Everything is at the talking stage but will need to have resolution.

MRA Director Sandy Saylor arrived at the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The formula for funding of the MRA Youth programs was discussed at length. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to appropriate \$9,000.00 to the Manistee Recreation Association for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Dinsen, Smith, Dontz, Bjorkquist and Anderson voting in favor.

The proposed Revenue and Expenditures of Manistee Township were discussed. It was moved by Bjorkquist and seconded by Dontz to adopt the following resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2005 - 2006 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 26, 2005, and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on February 2, 2005.

Estimated township General Fund revenues for the fiscal year of 2005-2006

including a proposed allocated millage of 1.45 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 1.45 mills as set forth by the tax allocation board.

Estimated township General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year of 2005-2006 for various activities are listed by account in the 2005-2006 Manistee Township proposed budget.

The 2005-2006 General Fund Budget of Manistee Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in the 2005-2006 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 Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz 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 sixteenth day of March 2005.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

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The changes in the 2005-2006 expenditures and revenues include;

1. The deputies and Tax Collection Assistant increase \$0.50 per hour to \$8.50;
2. Increasing the maintenance man by \$0.25 per hour to \$8.75;
3. Increase election workers from \$8.00/\$8.50 chairperson per hour.

This was the amount set by the countrywide schedule to handle all elections

4. Fire Chief would increase to \$110.00 per month

5. Planning Commission Secretary would receive \$10.00 per hour for additional work
6. MRA would receive \$9,000.00 for fiscal year 2005-2006
7. PEG would receive \$1,000.00 with a possible additional \$400.00.
8. Firemen pay would increase from two gallons of fuel per fire to three gallons of fuel per fire

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to pass the following salary resolution.

Resolutions to Establish Township Officers Salary

Be It Resolved, that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95 (3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

Be It Resolved, that as of April 1, 2005, the salaries of the Manistee Township Board members shall be, for the 2005/2006 fiscal year and be as follows:

Supervisor: \$ 10,100.00 (exclusive of assessing duties)
Clerk: \$ 15,380.00 (adding four elections per year)
Treasurer: \$ 12,660.00 (including summer tax collection)
Trustees: \$ 2,220.00 (each)

The foregoing resolutions offered by board member Bjorkquist.
Seconded by board member Dontz.

At the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held March 16, 2005, upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dontz, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson
Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution is duly adopted on the sixteenth day of March 2005.

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The current bills for the month of March were presented. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith 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 23, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a work session on March 24, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There being no public questions or comment and 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