

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, 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 Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Greg Gielczyk, County Commissioner Ed Haik, Russ Spencer, Jamie Tabaczka, Paul Revolt, John Dunlap, Jim & Robert Schudlich, and Tina Kracht of PEG.

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

The minutes of the February 1, 2006 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 5, February 2, and March 2 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to return the minutes to the Planning Commission for review. All voting in favor. Motion carried. The minutes of the February 7, 2006 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.

In public comment Russ Spencer asked if there are any changes on the Health & Public Safety Wood Burning Ordinance. At this time the township board is not planning to revisit the ordinance. Discussion followed on the need to address this as a year around situation, present set backs & any changes to setbacks, the perception of each situation being unique, and methods of enforcement. Comment continued until 8:10 P.M.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated there have been no changes on the proposed ATV program. The newly installed "Panic System" at the court house was inadvertently tested, showing an apparent lack of communications between the local law enforcement agencies. The Corp of Engineers has stopped all dredging, leaving Portage Lake, and Arcadia with navigational problems. These harbors are considered points of refuge. The sheriff deputies and corrections officers are still negotiating. The Manistee County Road Commission employees will go to fact finding, on April 19 & 20. Blacker Airport will begin construction on a 1.6 million dollar terminal, with completion in the fall of 2007.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated there will be a meeting on the health of Manistee Lake on March 29, 2006 at City Hall. Registrations must be in by March 21.

Fire Chief John Dunlap of the Manistee Township Fire Department stated the department held four training sessions, and responded to eight fire/medical runs during the month of February. The new fire truck was delivered three weeks ago. Dunlap discussed FEMA grants, and the crowding at the fire hall. Blacker Airport will be landing larger airplanes, which require manned fire protection from before the planes land, until the take off, about three hours later. They would like to make arrangements with the Manistee Township Fire Department to take care of these flights. It was the consensus of the board, that the fire men could work for the airport, just as they already work for the hospital as EMT's, and the Casino as EMT's and security. This would allow the airport the flexibility of selection, scheduling, and payment. There is a possibility of storing one or two Manistee Township fire trucks at the new fire building at the airport.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. Warmer weather will facilitate opening of some of the units for the summer.

The Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on April 10, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building. Oral presentations of the grant requests will be heard at this time.

Dinsen prepared a list of changes proposed at the Budget Hearing held on February 1, 2006. The proposed Revenue and Expenditures of Manistee Township were discussed. It was moved by Dontz and seconded by Bjorkquist to adopt the following resolution to Adopt and Appropriate the 2006 - 2007 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, 2006, and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on February 1,

2006.

Estimated township General Fund revenues for the fiscal year of 2006-2007 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 2006-2007 for various activities are listed by account in the 2006-2007 Manistee Township proposed budget.

The 2006-2007 General Fund Budget of Manistee Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in the 2006-2007 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 Bjorkquist 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 2006.

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 16, 2006 Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

The changes in the 2006-2007 expenditures and revenues include;
Fire Chief increase \$56.66 per month from \$1,320.00 to \$2,000.00 a year
Asst Fire Chief pay increase of \$10.00 per month to \$600.00 a year
Maintenance Man increase \$0.25 per hour to \$9.00 per hour

Deputy Clerk & Treasurer increase \$0.50 per hour to \$9.00
Zoning Administrator \$10.00 per month to \$3320.00
Trustees increase \$10.00 per month to \$2,220.00
Supervisor increase \$20.00 per month to \$10,340.00
Treasurer increase \$20.00 per month to \$12,900.00
Clerk increase \$20.00 per month to \$15,620.00

In the future persons who attend meetings that require a registration fee will be paid a per diem of \$40.00, for the meeting. Board members are presently paid \$40.00 to attend educational meetings not requiring a registration fee. This will encourage board members to attend educational meetings.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist 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, 2006, the salaries of the Manistee Township Board members shall be, for the 2006/2007 fiscal year and be as follows:

Supervisor: \$ 10,340.00 (exclusive of assessing duties)
Clerk: \$ 15,620.00 (adding four elections per year)
Treasurer: \$ 12,900.00 (including summer tax collection)
Trustees: \$ 2,220.00 (each)

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

At the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held March 16, 2006, 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 2006.

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, 2006 Manistee Township Board minutes.

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Bjorkquist is working on the recreation plan for the township. He has copies of adjoining townships that should be an aid in Manistee Township Planning.

The need for new Handicapped Parking signs was expressed. We need two new signs for Holden Street and two new signs for the Fire Hall. They will be ordered.

Fire Chief John Dunlap stated he has been told MiOSHA is inspecting fire halls in Manistee County. Payroll posters will be ordered.

The choice of roads for seal coating in Manistee Township will be discussed at the April meeting of the Manistee Township Board. Dontz suggested the Township Hall Parking lot be seal coated and chipped at the same time.

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.

As a point of community interest Clara Kraus Saari noted the White Cane Day will be held on May 5, 2006 at Wesco on Parkdale Avenue.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street. There will be a Public Hearing on the proposed Sign Ordinance on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7:30 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, April 13, 2006, 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 9:06 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk