

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, March 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 were Zoning Administrator Rob Marble, Charles Gregg, Clara Kraus Saari, Fire Chief John Dunlap, County Commissioner Ed Haik, and Keith Brown 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 8, 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 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 February 1, 2007 and the proposed minutes of the March 1, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission meeting were presented to each board member. The February 1, 2007 Manistee Township Planning Commission minutes were accepted, and placed on file. The meeting of Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board was held on Tuesday, March 6, and the minutes have not arrived.

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

County Commissioner Allan OShea is ill, and could not be at out meeting tonight. He will be at the April 12 meeting of the Manistee Township Board to explain the Solid Waste amendment that would establish a surcharge on waste to establish a recycling program.

County Commissioner Ed Haik stated Tondu Corporation has lost their appeal, and perhaps this Tax Tribunal case is at an end, and there will be some tax money coming into the County. Pamela Paige of Copemish has been appointed to the Manistee County Library Board. Most letters received by the County Commissioners favor a Road Commission Board that is five members instead of three members.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the Zoning Administrators office has been extremely quiet, during the past month.

Fire Chief John Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department held four training sessions, and responded to six fire/medical runs during the month of February. There was a total of 150 man hours during the month of February.

Burning permits are issued by calling Fire Chief John Dunlap.

Liquor Inspector Bjorkquist stated there have been no significant changes to any liquor licensees during the past month. The State of Michigan has a new

regulation book that he would like. He will order the book.

Sandy Saylor of the Manistee Recreation Association will be asked to attend the April meeting of the Manistee Township Board. There are questions board members have regarding the numbers of people using the program from Manistee Township.

Clerk Dinsen reported the West Shore Community College Special Election was held on February 27, 2007 with a total of 119 people voting. Of those voting ten voted by absent ballot, with 14 more being election inspectors or alternates. The turnout was the lowest number recording in the past 25 years for any election in Manistee Township. Dinsen just received the information to order ballots and supplies for the May 8, 2007 School election. There is a deadline for voter registration of April 9, 2007, prior to our next board meeting, to be eligible to vote in the May 8, 2007 School election.

Dinsen prepared a list of changes proposed at the Budget Hearing held on February 8, 2007. 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 2007 - 2008 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 February 2, 2007, and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on February 8, 2007.

Estimated township General Fund revenues for the fiscal year of 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 for various activities are listed by account in the 2007-2008 Manistee Township proposed budget.

The 2007-2008 General Fund Budget of Manistee Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in the 2007-

2008 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 eighth day of March 2008.

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 8, 2007 Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

The changes in the 2007-2008 expenditures and revenues include;
Fire Chief increase \$20.00 per month from \$2,000.00 to \$2,240.00 a year
Asst. Fire Chief pay increase of \$10.00 per month from \$600.00 to \$720.00 a year
Maintenance Man increase \$0.25 per hour to \$9.25 per hour
Deputy Clerk & Treasurer increase \$0.50 per hour to \$9.50
Zoning Administrator \$20.00 per month to \$4,080.00
Trustees increase \$20.00 per month to \$2,460.00
Supervisor increase \$30.00 per month to \$11,000.00
Treasurer increase \$30.00 per month to \$13,500.00
Clerk increase \$30.00 per month to \$15,980.00
Election workers would be paid \$8.50 per hour, chairperson \$9.00 per hour
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, 2007, the salaries of the Manistee Township Board members shall be, for the 2007/2008 fiscal year and be as follows:

Supervisor: \$ 11,000.00 (exclusive of assessing duties)

Clerk: \$ 15,980.00 (adding four elections per year)

Treasurer: \$ 13,500.00 (including summer tax collection)

Trustees: \$ 2,460.00 (each)

The foregoing resolutions offered by board member Bjorkquist.

Seconded by board member Dinsen.

At the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held March 8, 2007, 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 eighth day of March 2007.

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Supervisor Anderson noted there is an appointment expiring in April to the Manistee Township Planning Commission. There has been several people express interest in the position.

The proposed projects of the Manistee County Road Commission to complete River Road, to share with the cost of completing Milarch Road with Brown Township, the Bridge Street boat ramp, and the seal coating of all Manistee Township roads. There was a consensus of opinion the first option should be to take care of our existing roads and get a cost estimate for seal coating of Manistee Township roads. The second priority would be to see if Brown Township is committed to working on Milarch Road this year. If they are, then perhaps we would proceed with the entire River Road/Milarch Road project. The boat ramp will be dealt with in another manner. Anderson will attempt to have a seal coating estimate prior to our next meeting.

Bjorkquist had a preliminary Waterways Grant Application to apply for funds to secure the Bridge Street boat launch. The plans must have engineering which could be done by Nordlunds for a cost of \$3,800.00. The cost of the repairs would be approximately \$36,410.00. The total grant figure would be \$40,270.00, with a 25% match from Manistee Township. It was moved by Dinsen, seconded by Dontz to support Bjorkquist to file the Waterways Grant Application. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Dinsen reported Mike Acton of the Portage Lake Watershed Forever has invited Manistee Township to a meeting on March 26, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission. The meeting will secure input into the proposed Portage Lake Watershed Forever plan. Each board member will receive the material. It is hoped that at least one or two Manistee Township board members will attend the important meeting.

Keith Brown stated Tim Ratzelburger will be at a PEG meeting on March 12, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at Manistee High School. He will explain the new Cable Franchise bill. Anyone with any questions may attend.

Clara Saari noted the Lions White Cane drive will be held on May 4, 2007. There will be Lions stationed at Wesco in Manistee Township.

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 Little River Revenue Sharing Board will meet on April 9, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee County Road Commission building.

The Manistee County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association will meet at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

The Manistee Township Zoning Appeals Board will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street, if there is an appeal.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the second Thursday, April 12, 2007, 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 seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk