

The Manistee Township Board met at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 to review the proposed expenditures and revenues for the 2004 - 2005 fiscal year. Board members present were John W. Anderson, Dennis R. Bjorkquist, M. Rebecca Dinsen, John M. Dontz, and Darlene Smith. Also, present were Clara Kraus Saari, Chuck Gregg, Clarence Smith, John Mencarelli, Manistee City Fire Chief Sid Schreiber, Nick Callesen, and Dr. David Wild.

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

The proposed expenditures, revenues, increases, decreases, and the amounts in each account as of January 31, 2004, were reviewed.

Supervisor Anderson asked for public comment and there was time for questions and comments. The budget will be discussed at the March 17, 2004, 7:30 P.M. Manistee Township Board meeting. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Bjorkquist to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:28 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 Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 7:30 P.M., 2004, 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, Clara Kraus Saari, Clarence Smith, John Mencarelli, Nick Callesen, Dr. David Wild, Greg Gielczyk, Fire Chief John Dunlap, and City Fire Chief Sid Schreiber

The minutes of the January 9, 2004, Manistee Township Board meeting and January 13, 2004 Manistee County Road Commission meeting were presented. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dontz to approve the minutes as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smith gave the Financial report for the month of February. 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 7, 2004 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.

John Mencarelli of the P.E.G. Commission presented a letter and asked the board to consider donating 20% of the funds or \$1,000.00 from the franchise fee paid by Charter Communications to Manistee Township. A portion of Manistee Township has access to cable television. The request will be considered.

City Fire Chief Sid Schreiber was asked by Manistee Township Fire Chief John Dunlap to attend the board to meeting. Schreiber explained a City proposal that Manistee Township maintains all City fire hydrants located in Manistee Township. There are about 80 city hydrants in Manistee Township. Discussion followed on assumption of liability, hours required for this maintenance, and other concerns. The Chiefs will check into the present agreement between the City, the agreement relevant to the amount of additional taxes paid by those township patrons using the City water and sewer, and have a more concrete proposal for the next township board meeting.

Nick Callesen of Callesen Associates introduced himself, and explained some of the options available to the township board members with their retirement accounts. Each person was given material to study, and questions can be directed to Callesen.

Zoning Administrator Rob Marble stated January had been a quiet month. The Planning Commission had worked on the map of various districts for the zoning plan, in a work session held on January 29. The lawsuit pending over the Tomaszewski Appeal does not have a court date. Lawyers Quinn and Wilson are working for an out of court settlement.

Fire Chief Dunlap reported the Manistee Township Fire Department had four meetings and 14 fire/medical assistance calls during the month of January. The month of February the Fire Department has already had four calls.

Liquor Inspector Dennis Bjorkquist stated Liquor Inspections remain unchanged.

Supervisor Anderson gave the Oaks Prison Liaison Committee report.

Dennis Bjorkquist, Manistee Township representative, on the Revenue Sharing Board stated the organizational meeting will be on February 9, 2004 at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Grant applications for the Spring are due at the Manistee County Court House, administrator's office on March 5, 2004.

The Manistee County Road Commission provided proposals on River Road and Pomeroy Road. No decision was reached - and depending on the budget we may have to save toward the projects and do no road work this fiscal year.

The Manistee Township Planning Commission had approved, and the Manistee County Planning Commission had approved a change in Zoning. It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to accept the recommendation to modify section 132, east of Kemmer Road and west just past the section line, from High Density Residential (R-1) to Multiple Use (M-1). This would have the effect of moving the current boundary of the M-1 District south to the US 31 Commercial District boundary. Dontz asked and was given permission to abstain. Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, and

Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

Two benches have been ordered for the Bar Lake outlet, and one for the Zimmerman walking bath. They will be delivered after the 17th of March 2004.

Manistee Township Garbage contract will expire April 1, 2004. Michigan Townships Association stated we do not have to bid the contract. However, in the interest of the township it was agreed to advertize for bids. Dinsen had added to and revised the garbage contract, and given it to the board members for study. There were no additions or corrections to the revised version. Bids will be advertised and opened at the March 17, 2004 Manistee Township Board meeting.

The US 31 Corridor Study group would like to present their findings to a combined meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and the Manistee Township Planning Commission. The study consultants will be available on February 17, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting would be held at the Manistee Township Hall. All board members are urged to attend this session.

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 25, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2004, and then again on March 4, 2004 at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

There will be a combined Township Board/Planning Commission/US 31 Corridor Study meeting on February 17, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on the Wednesday, March 17, 2004, 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