

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Wednesday, March 17, 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, Todd Harland, Jim Shedd, Ed Jabrocki, Ken & Donna Williams, and others.

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

The minutes of the February 4, 2004, Manistee Township Board 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 March. It was moved by Dontz seconded by Dinsen to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 5, and March 4, 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.

It was moved by Bjorkquist, seconded by Dinsen to amend the agenda, and move the opening of Garbage Contract bids from New Business to this point in the meeting. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bids were received from Shoreline Waste, and Waste Reduction Systems. Dinsen copied the bids, and provided them to each board member.

Shoreline Waste Waste Reduction Systems

1st Year	\$72,784.00	\$72,490.00
2nd Year	\$74,202.00	\$73,887.00
3rd Year	\$75,686.00	\$74,205.00
4th Year	\$77,200.00	\$75,136.00

Shoreline included a clause adjusting for new home construction at a rate of \$5.94 per stop, per month, based on the number of new homes constructed, after the first year.

It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to grant the contract to Waste Reduction Systems for four years, with a renewable on a mutual agreement clause. Dontz, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried. Each contractor was thanked for submitting such competitive bids. Shoreline will continue to handle the recycling option for Manistee Township.

Bjorkquist presented a letter he had written in opposition to the Agricultural

Enhancement Package included in HB. 4609, 4610, & 4611. The bill would allow video gaming terminals to be installed at race tracks in Michigan. This could have a detrimental effect on casinos, including the Little River Casino. The bill could reduce the 2% revenues which are distributed locally, and contribute up to a 30% decline in business at the casinos. The trickle down effect would be fewer visitors to the area, unemployment, and reduced revenues. Discussion followed without a decision.

Rob Marble, Zoning Administrator stated the Planning Commission is working on the map for the revised Zoning Ordinance. There will be another work session on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Traffic is picking up in the Zoning office, as spring begins.

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

Liquor Inspector Dennis Bjorkquist stated Insta Launch will be starting up soon, and the Heathlands will be up and running when the weather begins to warm.

The Little River Band Revenue Sharing Board will meet on April 5, 2004, at 5:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, to accept verbal presentations on the grant applications.

The Oaks Prison will be converting the Oaks to include Level 4 prisoners, and begin double bunking to relieve some of the financial stress in the Michigan State Prison System.

Ken & Donna Williams of Pomeroy Road asked the board what will be done with Pomeroy Road. They are in the process of building a home on the road. Pomeroy Road was originally scheduled to be cut, grubbed, cleared, graveled and black topped as a joint venture with Stronach Township. Stronach Township agreed, and then withdrew. MCRC Manager Peterson will be contacted and asked for a proposal that would allow for cutting, grubbing, clearing, and graveling a 32 wide road. This would allow plowing from end to end, allow access for emergency vehicles, and provide relief for anyone building on the road.

Due to a Manistee Township Fire Call the meeting was recessed at 8:15 P.M.

The Manistee Township Board meeting was reconvened at 8:45 P.M..

Supervisor John W Anderson returned to the Meeting at 8:47 P.M..

The question of the Manistee Township Fire Department maintaining the City of Manistee fire hydrants located in Manistee Township was discussed. It was agreed to wait on any decision. Board members would like the original agreement on the hydrants, and a document of what exactly the City would like the township to do with the hydrants.

The benches for the Bar Lake outlet are on order for delivery after March 17.

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 2004 - 2005 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 29, 2004, and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on February 5, 2004.

Estimated township General Fund revenues for the fiscal year of 2004-2005 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 2004-2005 for various activities are listed by account in the 2004-2005 Manistee Township proposed budget.

The 2004-2005 General Fund Budget of Manistee Township is hereby adopted by reference, with revenues and activity expenditures as indicated in the 2004-2005 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 seventeenth day of March 2004.

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 17, 2004 Manistee Township Board minutes.

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk

The changes in the 2004-2005 expenditures and revenues include;

1. The deputies and Tax Collection Assistant increase \$0.25 per hour to \$8.00;
2. Increasing the maintenance man by \$0.25 per hour to \$8.50;
3. Increase election workers from \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hour.
4. Increasing the Planning and Zoning Appeals Board Members to \$55.00 from \$50.00, the Chairperson to \$70.00 from \$65.00, and the Secretary to \$65.00 from \$60.00 per meeting
5. All township board members would be paid \$40.00 for attending additional educational meetings not requiring a fee
6. The Zoning Administrator would have an increase, as he is paid as a board member of the Planning and Appeals Boards.

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, 2004, the salaries of the Manistee Township Board members shall remain unchanged from the 2003/2004 fiscal year and be as follows:

Supervisor: \$ 9,800.00 (exclusive of assessing duties)
Clerk: \$14,900.00
Treasurer: \$12,300.00 (including summer tax collection)
Trustees: \$ 2,100.00 (each)

The foregoing resolutions offered by board member Bjorkquist.

Seconded by board member Dontz.

At the regular Manistee Township Board meeting held March 17, 2004, upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Dontz, Dinsen, Smith, Bjorkquist, and Anderson

Nay: None

Treasurer Smith asked if Deputies could be paid for attending educational meetings. Deputies have not been paid in the past. It was moved by Dontz, seconded by Smith to pay deputies \$40.00 per educational meeting not requiring a registration fee. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Anderson stated the Manistee Township Board of Review met on March 8, 9, and 10, 2004. There were approximately 40 people who attended the sessions, and thirty more who appealed by telephone or letter. The appeals have been reviewed, and the replies are in the mail.

It was noted the appointment of Jim Baker to the Manistee Township Planning Commission will expire on April 30, 2004.

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 Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2004 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 8, 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 Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Rebecca Dinsen, CMC
Manistee Township Clerk