

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

September 24, 2025 Minutes

Roll Call:	Arcadia	0	Bear Lake	0	Brown	1
	Cleon	1	Dickson	2	Filer	2
	Manistee	0	Maple Grove	1	Marilla	0
	Norman	0	Onekama	0	Pleasanton	1
	Springdale	1	Stronach	3		

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Tom Stege, Chairperson

Welcome and roll call Quorum Present

Approval of minutes from August 27, 2025- Motion by Linda 2nd by Paul, All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Balance of \$473.62.

Guests:

Shayne Machen, Manistee County Commissioner reported on creating Ad-Hoc Committee for the Fair with no money put in budget for this year for Manistee County Fair, agreement with Centra Wellness for RFP through State for private companies only able to present a proposal, budget is near adoption, and new airport director starting October 1.

Brian Gutowski, Manistee County Sheriff reported that festival season has concluded and it was a good year for law enforcement at the festivals, staffing, 2 people in academy at Traverse City and 2 more will go to West Shore in January, hired 1 new officer and hopefully will be

fully staffed next year, applied for revenue sharing grant for speed sign, there is an app for the Manistee County Sheriff Department that shows a lot of information, has held active shooter training and evacuation drills at some schools to focus on school safety, they attended the Brethren community meeting regarding drugs found in park, please report any issue with removal of stop signs in the Northwest corner of the County and please contact early for assistance with ordinance enforcement issues.

Brad Kluczynski, Manistee County Road Commission Manger, rain and excessive heat affected the application of chip/seal and any roads that were not completed as scheduled will be done in the spring, working on gravel roads, still doing lots of tree work, if you have trees down in the road please call 911, they have a program to have local school students paint plow blades to be used on State and Federal road trucks and would like to have a V Plow Blade painted to replace the sign in front of the building that was damaged, budget was approved, prediction is for lots of snow, Federal Project for next year will be S Shore Drive in Bear Lake Township and shoulder work will be done on M55 from Highbridge to Tippy Dam Road to prepare for overlay next year.

Karla Smith-Kasten, Bay Area Recycling for Charities, reported there were 100,000 pounds of recycling in August, tire recycle was 2000 tires, they go to Coleman and get ground up for road material, still trying to find a place that would take larger tires but there is no where in Michigan at this time.

New Business: None

Each Township present gave bits and pieces about what is happening in their Township.

Public Comment: None

The next meeting will be October 22, 2025, at Arcadia Township at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave and seconded by Penny, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Carol Merrill, Secretary