

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

July 22, 2026 Minutes

Roll Call:	Arcadia	0	Bear Lake	0	Brown	1
	Cleon	2	Dickson	2	Filer	1
	Manistee	1	Maple Grove	4	Marilla	0
	Norman	0	Onekama	0	Pleasanton	1
	Springdale	1	Stronach	0		

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

Motion by Linda Cudney supported by Paul Wondolowski to approve the minutes from June 24, 2026. All in favor.

Treasurer report \$532.62

County Commissioner, Shayne Machen reported on County approved contracts for 4 jurisdictions for zoning administration, working on budget with a meeting scheduled for August 7th at 3:30, the airport has had 26,000 passengers so far this year with an extension of the runway planned and 9 day early voting will be at the Farr Center in Onekama for August primary.

Keith Moore, Manistee County Road Commission reported on the High Bridge Road wash out and closure and will probably be at least 1 year to get funding and repair it, also damage on Johnson Road, Potter Road bridge, and work in Filer Township on Nelson Rd and 21st Street.

Karla Smith-Kasten, Manistee County Recycling Coordinator, reported on recycling is up by 26% over last year, there has be a 25-30% increase every year, composting will be a big part of new program, they are doing multiple pickups every week and bins are filling up fast, she will come to township meetings to talk about the changes and new contracts, HHW collection will be on August 15th from 9 until 1 at the road commission requiring a \$20 donation and if anyone is interested in touring the recycling center get in touch with her.

Julie Stec, Manistee County Transportation reported that there will be a millage request on the August ballot that would allow them to increase their Rides-to-Wellness program.

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 August 26, 2026 at Filer Township at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Roy and seconded by Dave Beldo , all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Carol Merrill, Secretary