

# MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

## MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

### March 25, 2026 Minutes

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

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

At start of meeting there was not a quorum but one more township was represented at 7:15 and that created a quorum

County Commissioner, Shayne Machen reported on millages that may be on the August ballot, a new housing unit with 101 units is going to be built across from the hospital, all current residents in the Medical Care Facility are now in the new building and work has started to remodel the old portion of building and planning is still underway for the railroad relocation project and MDOT is going to apply for federal grants.

Katie Gruenberg, Manistee County Planning, reported on the Countywide ORV Ordinance, edits are being done, townships should check the map prior to the April 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing at 9 AM.

Jodie Lynch, Manistee County Planning, reported on the Countywide Parks and Recreation plan, a survey for goals was sent to all townships.

Karla Smith-Kasten, Manistee County Recycling Coordinator, reported on issues at the

Onkama site and they are hoping to move it to the Northwest corner of the road commission property, recycling has increased by 102% since 2022, this is contract year and she will attend township meetings later in the year to discuss contracts and they have applied for a tire collection grant for September.

Motion by Karen Roy supported by Paul Wondolowski to nominate the existing officers for 2026, Tom Stege, Chairperson, Penny Nelson, Vice-Chair, Linda Cudney, Treasurer and Carol Merrill, Secretary. All in favor

Motion by Karen Roy, supported by Penny Nelson to approve the minutes from October 22, 2025. All in favor.

Alvin Rischel, 911 Deputy Director, reported that the radio project for fire departments is completed with all trucks and portable radios distributed, law enforcement radios will be updated and when that is complete they will be ready to go to encryption and Manistee County had budgeted enough to complete this.

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 April 22, 2026 at Brown Township at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Roy and seconded by Paul Wondolowski, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Carol Merrill, Secretary