

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

July 23, 2025 Minutes

Roll Call:	Arcadia	1	Bear Lake	0	Brown	1
	Cleon	2	Dickson	0	Filer	2
	Manistee	1	Maple Grove	7	Marilla	0
	Norman	0	Onkama	1	Pleasanton	1
	Springdale	1	Stronach	0		

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

Welcome and roll call Quorum Present

Approval of minutes from June 25, 2025- Motion by Linda 2nd by Penny, All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Balance of \$473.62.

Guests:

Shayne Machen, Manistee County Commissioner reported on medical care facility, 1st draft of budget, health insurance rates have held flat, there were 4 foreclosed properties for back taxes and non were primary residences and there will be an update to the jail fire system.

Brian Gutowski, Manistee County Sheriff reported that staffing continues to be an issue there are 2 individuals in the academy at Traverse City and hopefully will have 2 or 3 enrolled in the next West Shore College academy, please contact the sheriff before any festivals so they can plan accordingly to help patrol, when townships are dealing with ordinance violations please contact him early and often so procedures are done properly to save time, they held training on the big lake boat, there have complaints of a scam that is selling spoofed tickets for an event at Twisted Trails but there is no event happening, please call if you know of this happening for other events, jail audit was complete and was passed with no issues and he explained the process of hiring staff to go through training.

Brad Kluczynski, Manistee County Road Commission Manger, reported that the chip seal prep work is complete and the chip seal should be finished in August, he is working on an asset management plan for each township, River Road work should be completed in the next week and guardrail work will then be done, they are working on getting funding that would allow for a second mowing on the State/Federal roads this summer and they are still working on some gravel roads after the heavy rains this month.

Karla Smith-Kasten, Bay Area Recycling for Charities, reported on the PA69 program had processed 80,000 pounds in June, Scrap tire event will have 3 dates September 11th from 3 until 6, September 13th, the regular hours and September 17th 3 until 6, Hazardous Household Waste Collection will be August 16th at the road Commission building, cardboard trucks are back in place with Onekama Township opting out of having a trailer at that site and please fill out the PA 115 survey so Manistee County residents have a voice in the program.

Katie Gruenberg, Manistee County Planning reported on the 5 year Recreation Plan they are working on, they are finalizing the surveys and will be at some of the local events to get input and she discussed how having a county wide ORV ordinance would benefit law enforcement if the rules were the same for the entire county but local units would still have control of what roads are opened and closed.

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 27, 2025, at Springdale Township.

Motion to adjourn by Dave, 2nd by Linda All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Carol Merrill, Secretary