

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

October 22, 2025 Minutes

Roll Call:	Arcadia	1	Bear Lake	0	Brown	0
	Cleon	2	Dickson	0	Filer	1
	Manistee	1	Maple Grove	3	Marilla	0
	Norman	0	Onekama	0	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 September 24, 2025- Motion by Linda 2nd by Penny, All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Balance of \$473.62.

Guests:

Shayne Machen, Manistee County Commissioner, this months meeting is not until the next week but she reported on the progress of the County ORV Ordinance and discussed the Medical Care ballot language.

Brad Kluczynski, Manistee County Road Commission Manger, state budget and supposed to be more money designated for local roads that will effect the cost share with the townships that will allow for more patching, repair and capping, hopefully Big Four work will start in 2027 on the 1st mile, asset management plan approved, townships should also do an asset

management plan, sets priorities in a 3 year cycle, working on gravel roads and he will set up meetings with Supervisor or 1 township board member so there would not be a problem regarding quorums.

Karla Smith-Kasten, Bay Area Recycling for Charities, reported there were 2354 tires brought to the tire recycle event, the PA 69 recycle program has surpassed the total tonnage already for all of 2024, site monitors tracking how many bins are needed at sites.

Matthew Cooke, Networks Northwest reported on the Material Management Plan Survey and passed out information. He discussed the recycling goals from State, Food Waste reduction goal, benchmark recycling standards, sustainability, economic and environmental impact, job creation, land fill reduction, the plan is for project approval in 2026 and implementation in 2027. Resident and Governmental surveys are out. There will be a 120 day approval process for townships. Surveys will be available until the end of 2025.

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 March 25, 2026 at Bear Lake Township at 7:00 PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carol Merrill, Secretary