

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION

MANISTEE COUNTY CHAPTER

July 24, 2024 Minutes

Roll Call:	Arcadia	0	Bear Lake	0	Brown	1
	Cleon	4	Dickson	1	Filer	1
	Manistee	0	Maple Grove	6	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 June 26, 2024- Motion by Linda 2nd by Penny, All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Balance of \$515.57.

Guests:

State Senator, Jon Bumstead introduced himself and described the services available in his office. He has an experienced staff which can help with any questions. His cell number is 231-250-0654. There are many booklets available at his office.

Jeff Dontz, County Commissioner, reported on the annual audit is complete and is determined to be Unmodified, pension liability, Networks Northwest annual report was presented to them at last meeting, childcare fund, starting work on budget for next year, Onekama recycling bins will be moving to Jone's Street once aggregate is down, Opiod funding, 911 contracts, new radios for first responders, US 31 bridge is open with one lane in each direction and Contour Jet service to airport to begin October 1.

Jason Torres, Manistee County Undersheriff reported on staffing they are down 1 road patrol deputy, down 1 employee in jail and 1 down in court officers, new cars are being prepared but internal things are holding them up, Lale Michigan boat is done and will be delivered soon.

Rene Mallison, Manistee County Soil Conservation District, reported that scrap tire event is July 27th at BARC in Kaleva, Household Hazardous Waste collection is scheduled for August 17th at Road Commission, their vehicles were totaled during the hail storm and insurance will cover them, they are working on grants so if there is something townships need please let them know, and they are working on Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.

Brad Kluczynski, Manistee County Road Commission Manager, reported they are wrapping up construction restoration that is being done using the in house crews instead of contracting out, they are preparing roads for chip/seal, asking Townships for any projects for next year for budgeting purposes, rain has had an affect on gravel roads and they have been working to keep up with them and crack sealing is done for this year.

Karla Smith-Kasten, BARC reported the tire event will be at BARC in Kaleva on July 27th, a charge of \$2.00 per tire will be assessed, due to heavy use Arcadia, Onekama and Bear Lake sites will be emptied 2 times a week and the PA 115 agreement has been signed with Wexford, Missaukee and Manistee Counties.

Mike Machen, 911 Director, reported that staffing is down 1, they have 10 full time and 1 part time dispatchers, working on the budget and projects for next year, 71 new radios for fire departments, hopefully new pagers next year that are 800 megahertz, mobile data computer for police cars that have increased band width and more secure and they looking at new system for dispatch with updated CAD.

Shelli Johnson, Manistee County Clerk, discussed upcoming election.

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 28th at Dickson Township.

Motion by Penny, second by Paul to adjourn the meeting, AIF.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Carol Merrill, Secretary