TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan,49660

Board Meeting: December 10, 2025

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mr. Vadeboncoeur with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at Roll Call: Mr. Skiera and Mr. Lindeman, Ms. Zoscsak, Ms. Gerber and Mr. Vadeboncoeur.

Motion to Approve Agenda: With the correction of the name from Brian to Brian Veine under security cameras made by Mr. Lindeman and 2nd by Mr. Skiera. All in Favor, motion Carried.

Review of Consent Agenda: Motion to accept the Minutes of November 12, 2025 and the Minutes of the Special meeting on November 1, 2025, the Treasurer's Report and all bills that came in for the month by Mr. Lindeman 2nd by Mr. Skiera. Roll Call: Mr. Skiera- yes, Mr. Lindeman – yes, Ms Zoscsak –yes, Ms. Gerber – yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur –yes. All in Favor, motion carried. Motion to approve Board Meeting Schedule for 2026 by Mr. Lindeman 2nd by Mr. Skiera. Roll Call: Mr. Skiera- yes, Mr. Lindeman – yes, Ms Zoscsak –yes, Ms. Gerber – yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur –yes. All in Favor, motion carried.

Correspondences: Tom Herdin Fire District provided information of proposed budget and a draft of resolution to join. Minor discussion and concerns. No action taken.

Fire Department Report: 15 calls for month of November. Request Purchase of 2 new LED STOP/SLOW traffic control Paddles for $204.50 each total $425.89. Motion made by Mr. Lindeman, 2nd by Ms. Zoscsak that we approve the purchase for the LED Paddles. . Roll Call: Mr. Skiera- yes, Mr. Lindeman – yes, Ms Zoscsak –yes, Ms. Gerber – yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur –yes. All in Favor, motion carried.

Cost Recovery ordinance presented to the Planning Board.

Received Grant for new tires and rims for UTV-11.

Community Christmas Community Event. : Saturday December 20th 6-9pm. Hotdogs, hot chocolate donated, and Santa Claus. Hall Rental Exempt on an individual basis for this Fire Department Community Event. Motion by Mr. Vadeboncoeur 2nd by Mr. Lindeman that we approve the Hall Rental to be exempt for this event for the Fire Department On Dec 20, 2025. Roll Call: Mr. Skiera- yes, Mr. Lindeman – yes, Ms Zoscsak –yes, Ms. Gerber – yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur –yes. All in Favor, motion carried.

Special Guest, Planning Commission Katie Gruenberg,
ORV Ordinance: County Meeting Dec 16, 2025, 9am.
Request to update map of closed roads. The County is trying to adopt a County Wide ORV ordinance which will be enforced by the Sheriff's department. The ORV Ordinance on the website needs to be updated as it is incomplete. The Road commissioned opened all roads to ORV in July 2024. Reflective of what all have in common. Will reach out to us at some point to see what roads are opened and closed.
County Wide Recreation Plan: A 5 year plan that is required for us to be a part of if we wish to apply for state grants and federal funding. Will assist in applying for grants and setting up portals and applications. Cost is $1000. Motion made by Mr. Lindeman and 2nd by Mr. Skiera that we adopt the resolution for support and commitment to The Manistee County- wide Park and Recreation plan. Roll Call: Mr. Skiera- yes, Mr. Lindeman – yes, Ms Zoscsak –yes, Ms. Gerber – yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur –yes. All in Favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:
Planning & Zoning: Cost Recovery Ordinance- Fred was very helpful. Without the cost Recovery Ordinance we cannot go to the government to recoup any reimbursement. Billing companies may be willing to help you draft an ordinance. Going forward should contact some of these companies to present to the board. As of right now there is no recovery unless the President declares an emergency. No discussion on zoning changes at this time.
Board of Review: Met 12-9-25. One person providing information that he took to tribunal. Judgment could take up to a year. Website correction that veterans exemption goes directly to the Assessor one time only as opposed to yearly.
Treasurers Report: Michigan Class Investments: Can only withdraw $99,000 at a time so it will be a slow going process but will get done. May set up sub accounts such as: Money market, road fund and close other accounts as needed. Building permits need to be turned over to the treasurer quarterly.

Unfinished business:
Website: Essentially done.
New Phones: Up and running.
New Sign: Up and running. To be lit the hours of 6am -10pm. Will also show county wide and weather alerts. Kari is the contact person for postings.

Snow removal: Cornerstone not doing a good job. Burms, not cleaning in front of mailbox resulting in not getting our mail. Having to wade snow. Kay's Lawn Service has submitted a bid $125 per push or $1800 for the season. Motion made by Mr. Skiera and 2nd by Ms. Zoscsak for the Supervisor to inquire with this company and hire if he thinks they will be a good fit.

New Business:

Security Cameras: Brian Veine submitted a quote for $349 for 4 security cameras and installation. Was not here for discussion. Tabled until future meeting. Bring information to Dec meeting.

Custodial Ad: We had 2 applications for the custodial position. It is the Boards decision to hire Phillip Skiera. In leiu of purchasing a vehicle we will pay Mr. Skiera the going mileage rate of $0.70 a mile. To keep a log with reason for trip and turned into clerk, with time sheets. 5 hours per day, Monday – Friday.

Audit: UHY conducted our audit. It seemed to go well. There is an issue with the Fire fund that needs to be under a separate EIN #. Fred says they are in the process of getting that corrected. Also that the Fire Department needs to be separate from the general fund.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Audit proposals.
Snow Removal
Security Cameras
Custodian Review and Report

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Gerber, Clerk.

Lori Sue Gerber