

# MANCELONA TOWNSHIP

Minutes of the April 20, 2026

Regular Board Meeting

## CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Chuck Johnson. Present: Chuck Johnson, Jessie Ayoub, Mike Biehl, Rod Vesey, Dan Bean..

Absent: None

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jessie Ayoub supported by Rod Vesey to approve the agenda, with addition of bid for Station #2 Fire Department, all in favor, motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Chuck Johnson supported by Jessie Ayoub to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 regular meeting, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Biehl supported by Dan Bean to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 special meeting, budget hearing, all in favor, motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were presented to the board. Motion by Jessie Ayoub supported by Rod Vesey, to approve the following expenditures, all in favor, motion carried.

Common Account	\$ 38,552.36
Fire Account	<u>\$ 71,489.97</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 110,042.33

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Nicole Johnston commented with concerns on trash blowing out of recycling containers, requesting fence on the perimeter of our property.

## REPORTS:

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief, Chris Orman, presented a written and verbal report for fire activities for March 2026, 48 total calls 23 Rescue and Emergency, this includes the Village and Custer. Reaching out for more staff, with 4 new prospects. Total calls from January 1<sup>s</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>., 170.

**LIBRARY:** Sarah Apps and Paula Dixon submitted a written report for March 2026, things are going well. The Children's program, especially with story time, 55 Children, 21 Adults, overall numbers up from a year ago. Working on book sale for the end of May. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade have scheduled field trips to the Library and have scheduled an entertainer for children and adults at Palmer Park.

**CONSTABLE:** No Report

**MAWSA:** Work resuming on water line on Dell Mason towards Schuss Mt. and Shanty Creek. MAWSA replacing service lines per State requirements because of lead poisoning.

**TAA:** Marna Robertson, presented a written and verbal report on TAA activities. 35 runs for March, Approved new budget, Central Lake location working part-time crew at Fire Department. Installing new lighting at Mancelona and Bellaire locations.

**COMMISSIONERS:** No report

**SHERIFF REPORT:** Sheriff Kevin Hoch commented on the Murder Suicide on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 8<sup>th</sup> confiscated 21.3 g Meth, cash and glass pipe. Individual currently lodged at the Antrim County Jail. Fully staffed with Road Deputies, still have 2 staff positions open for Dispatch. Sheriff Department is currently leasing 10 vehicles, getting the bugs worked out. Public Safety Center final steps on getting firm numbers not to go over \$27,000,000.00.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Jessie Ayoub supported by Chuck Johnson to not purchase the truck from Star Township previously discussed. 4 yes, 1 no, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jill Stephenson reported that all is going well at the Historical Society, many have stepped up with donation and help. Asking that the Water rates be reduced, this is an issue for MAWSA.
2. Motion by Jessie Ayoub supported by Dan Bean to purchase a new sign for the Library in the amount of \$2,498.00 , the old one is was blown over and destroyed. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Report from Chuck on Wetzel Lake projects discussed on April 15<sup>th</sup> and committee will continue to work on plan in a Monthly meeting.
4. Motion by Rod Vesey supported by Dan Bean to ask voters for an additional mill for roads in the August election. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Motion by Dan Bean supported by Rod Vesey to approve a bid not to exceed \$31,900.00 for repairs at Station #2, to be completed in 90 days. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, motion by Dan Bean supported by Rod Vesey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Biehl  
Clerk