

Fairfield Township  
Shiawassee County  
Minutes from January 8, 2026

The January 8, 2026 meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Supervisor Rick Zemla with the Pledge of Allegiance. The board members in attendance were: Supervisor Rick Zemla, Treasurer Allison Emelander, Clerk Sonya Latz, Trustee Steve Maynard and Trustee Tim Riegle.

Motion by Trustee Riegle, support by Trustee Maynard to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Trustee Riegle, support by Treasurer Emelander to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Treasurer's Report: The Cash Summary Report was presented. Trustee Maynard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, support by Trustee Riegle. Motion carried 5-0

There were no guests present.

Unfinished Business:

1. Wedding Venue Update - The County is allowing the Wedding Venue to apply for the required permits.
2. Township Blight Issues - Township residents have called with questions regarding the letters they received from the County.

New Business:

1. Regular Meeting Dates for 2026 were discussed. Motion by Trustee Riegle support by Trustee Maynard to set the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm as the Township Regular Meeting dates for calendar year 2026. Motion carried: 5-0
2. Discussion was had on the 2026 Shiawassee County Road Commission Planned Projects. We are awaiting more information before making a decision as to the projects the township will do this summer.
3. There was discussion on Budget meeting dates and times. Clerk Latz made a motion to conduct a budget meeting at 6:30 pm in February and March, prior to the start of the 7:00 pm regular monthly meeting. Support by Trustee Riegle. Motion carried: 5-0
4. Amendments to the 2025-2026 budget were tabled.
5. There was discussion of the millage for emergency services, which expires this year, to be on the November 2026 General Election Ballot. A proposed increase was discussed due in part to the relocation of the Elsie Area Fire Department and increased costs acquired as a result of the relocation.

6. Mark Zemla has done an excellent job keeping the township hall parking lot and the sidewalk cleared of snow and salted this winter. There was discussion on how often this needs to be done. Motion by Trustee Maynard, support by Treasurer Emelander to have the needed services done on monthly meeting dates and special dates where there will be people coming to the hall. Mark will be given a schedule with monthly meetings and specially scheduled dates that will need attention. He will also be notified if services are needed at other times. Motion carried: 5-0
7. Township hall cameras are up and running. Thanks to Trustee Riegle and Clerk Latz for weathering the wind and rain to get them connected and operational. Activity goes to Clerk Latz's phone. They have been very helpful during tax time alerting when something is put in the dropbox.

Reports:

1. Roads
2. Emergency Services from Owosso made four calls last month.
3. Cemetery - Sexton - no report
4. County Commissioners Report - no report

Announcements:

New Bills:

1. Motion by Trustee Riegle, support by Treasurer Emelander to approve bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Final Public Comment:

The next Board Meeting will be February 5, 2026 at 7:00 at the Fairfield Township Hall.

Motion by Trustee Riegle, support by Treasurer Emelander to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonya Latz  
Township Clerk