

Fairfield Township
Shiawassee County
Minutes from February 5, 2026

The February 5, 2026 meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 January 8, 2026 meeting. Motion carried 5-0

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

Guests present were: Mark Zemla and Gerald Kennedy

Guest Comments: Mr. Kennedy had a question in regard to his tax bill.

Unfinished Business:

1. Wedding Venue Update - The County is allowing the Wedding Venue to apply for the required permits.
2. Board of Review Training is complete and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026.
3. Township Blight Issues - updates on parcels were given to the Board.

New Business:

1. Andrew Braun has a PA 116 Resolution for the Board to consider. He was not present to give the information needed for the Board to make a decision.
2. Clerk Latz gave an update from the County Clerk Meeting. The City of Owosso is not a part of the agreement as they conduct their own EV site so the remaining 20 municipalities will participate in the County-run EV site and the State required agreement was approved. To run our own EV site would require a second set of all related voting equipment, nine days of wages as well as other related costs so it would be very costly to the township to run on their own.
3. Supervisor Zemla gave an overview of the Michigan Class – Banking Option. He will be contacting a representative to attend a future meeting.
4. The 2026 Roadside Cleanup dates have been set for April 17 - 27.

5. The Board of Review members were presented for approval. Motion by: Trustee Maynard, support by Trustee Riegler to approve: Nathan Allen, Bill Ehlert, Andrew Braun and Spencer Frink as members of the Board of Review. Motion carried: 5-0
6. Michigan Townships Association is asking for all townships to adopt "Principles of Governance" to uphold the integrity of our duties as Township Officials. Motion by Clerk Latz, support by Trustee Riegler to adopt and display the MTA "Principals of Governance". Motion carried: 5-0
7. We have not received a request to donate to Magnet at this time.
8. Village of Elsie Recycling dates and information was presented.
9. Supervisor Zemla presented information about the EAFD Authority Agreement for review.

Reports:

1. Shiawassee County Report – no report
2. Roads – We are waiting to hear what Rush TWP chooses to do with a shared road before making a decision on 2026 projects.
3. Emergency Services – There were eight EMS runs in January to Fairfield Township by the Owosso Fire Department.

Announcements:

Final Budget Meeting March 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Fairfield Township Hall.
The next Board Meeting will be March 5, 2026 at 7:00 at the Fairfield Township Hall.

New Bills:

1. Motion by Trustee Maynard, support by Trustee Riegler to approve bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Final Public Comment:

There was discussion in regards to 2026 ditches and drains.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2026, 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

Motion by Trustee Riegler, support by Trustee Maynard to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Latz
Township Clerk