

Fairfield Township
Shiawassee County
Minutes from September 4, 2025

The September 4, 2025 meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 Tim Riegle and Trustee Steve Maynard. Guests present: Vivian Durling, Carolyn & Dennis Long.

Tim Riegle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Steve Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Tim Riegle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th meeting with the correction of the spelling of his and Steve Maynard's name and adding the name of who abstained from voting. Steve Maynard supported the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Riegle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented. Steve Maynard supported the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Kevin Lenkart, from Owosso EMS, gave an update on services and stated things were going well. He stated that we have a two year agreement so rates would remain the same for one more year. We will begin looking at a new agreement beginning early spring 2026.
2. Supervisor Zemla gave an update on the Party Barn. The trial date was moved to the end of September. There shall be no activity to take place until a court decision is made.
3. The F65 audit has been completed with reports filed with the state.
4. Clerk Latz has begun to load cemetery information into the Cemetery Program.
5. An updated spreadsheet of area cemetery charges was presented. Supervisor Zemla and Clerk Latz will look at possible changes.
6. An update was given of township parcels needing attention and sent to Peter Preston at the county.
7. Treasurer Emelander and Clerk Latz are working on reconciling bank accounts. Possible training with Duplain TWP treasurer and clerk.
8. Clerk Latz reported that we are now compliant with required Voter Master Cards and Voter ID cards.

9. Officials will try to complete the following hall projects next week: Installing security cameras, door trim, stone around TWP sign and vents in the crawl space.

New Business:

1. Cemetery Cleanup with removal of prohibited items will be done Mid-October. Clerk Latz will put a reminder in The Weekly for removal of said items by October 1st, in compliance with the Fairfield Township Cemetery Ordinance.
2. There was an update and discussion in regards to options for the Elsie Area Fire Department. Supervisor Zemla explained the difference in having an "Authority" versus a "Department" and stated that there may have to be a Millage increase.
3. A bid by Aaron Taylor of \$200 to load screened topsoil at the cemetery was presented. Motion was made by Trustee Maynard, supported by Trustee Riegle to accept this bid. Motion carried 5-0
4. Supervisor Zemla laid out the options that the EAFD presented to the village president.
5. The continuation of Revenue Sharing is pending in the Legislation. This is much needed money for our township. All are encouraged to contact legislators in regards to continuing with this disbursement.

Reports:

1. Meridian Road will be chipsealed soon.

New Bills:

1. Motion by Tim Riegle, supported by Steve Maynard to approve bills as presented with the addition of reimbursement to board members for the purchase of maintenance items and township hall needs. Motion carried 5-0

The next meeting is changed from October 2nd to October 9th at 7:00 at the Fairfield Township Hall.

Motion by Tim Riegle, supported by Steve Maynard to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Latz
Township Clerk