

Fairfield Township
Shiawassee County
Minutes from November 6, 2025

The November 6, 2025 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, and Trustee Tim Riegle. Absent - Trustee Steve Maynard.

Motion by Trustee Riegle, supported by Clerk Latz to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Trustee Riegle, supported by Treasurer Emelander to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting with spelling corrections. Motion carried 4-0

Treasurer's Report: The Cash Summary Report was presented.

Clerk Latz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, supported by Trustee Riegle. Motion carried 4-0

Welcome Guest(s): Guests present were Carolyn Long, Apex Clean Energy Representatives Colin Kummerfeldt and Seth Bartos.

Unfinished Business:

1. A presentation was made by the Apex Clean Energy representatives in regards to the projected Carland Wind Project. The project would include Fairfield, Rush, Middlebury and Owosso Charter Townships. Thirty to forty acres would no longer be used as agricultural land which will house 60-70 turbines with a turbine height of 600-650 feet. To date 5,000 acres have been secured by lease with a total of 30,000 needed for the project. It was stated that Apex has a company to decommission the turbines. Apex Clean Energy is looking to have the Carland Wind Project operational by 2030-2031 with the sale of energy to DTE. The Isabella Wind Project and Coldwater Wind Project were created by Apex Clean Energy and information about them can be found at [ApexCleanEnergy.com](https://www.ApexCleanEnergy.com). The Fairfield Township Board will be looking into holding an informational meeting for the township residents. Please watch your local paper or reach out to a township board member to learn the date of the meeting that Apex will have representation onsite to answer questions.
2. Party Barn Update - A Pre-Trial Date has been set for 12/9/2025.
3. Cemetery Ordinance - The Cemetery Ordinance language is being revised to reflect the changes made.

4. Reconciliation Update – All accounts are completely reconciled.
5. TWP Hall Cameras were installed by Trustee Riegle.

New Business:

1. Workman's Comp Policy through EMC will go from \$850 to \$965 per year. Auto Owners will no longer provide Workman's Comp insurance.
2. Interfund Budget Amendment(s) will be done at the December Meeting.
3. Road Commission 2025 chipseal/paint lines – Meridian Road is complete.
4. VC3 statement for services reflects a charge for services but services were severed months ago. Supervisor Zemla is addressing this with VC3.

Reports:

1. Township Clerk - Clerk Latz reported that we have had 16 burials in 2025 in comparison to two in 2024. Revenue Sharing will continue with a slight increase to the preliminary numbers given by the State. Clerk Latz shadowed the Rush Township Clerk during the November 4th election to prepare for next year's election.
2. Roads – Meridian Road - Supervisor Zemla responded to taxpayers disgruntled about the paving of Meridian Road.
3. Emergency Services - The Owosso Fire Department made two calls In September and three in October to Fairfield Township.
4. Fire Department – The EFD will be moving to 300 W Main by the end of November.
5. Shiawassee County Update - Supervisor Zemla stated the county is working on zoning and blight issues. The county adopted a budget, with a slight increase in revenue. Due to frugal budgeting were able to avoid personnel layoffs despite rising costs.
6. Weed Ordinance - A resident from an adjacent township inquired in regards to Fairfield TWP having a weed ordinance. There is not a weed ordinance in place.

Announcements:

New Bills:

1. Motion by Trustee Riegler, supported by Treasurer Emelander to approve bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0

The next Board Meeting is December 4, 2025 at 7:00 at the Fairfield Township Hall.

Motion by Trustee Riegler, supported by Treasurer Emelander to adjourn at 8:37 pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Latz
Township Clerk