

Fairfield Township
Shiawassee County
Minutes from August 8, 2025

The August 8, 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, 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 July 10th meeting with the correction of the spelling of his name for the motion for the Treasurer's report. Steve Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Rick Zemla will contact Tim Riegle and Steve Maynard to determine a date and time to install the Light/Camera for Ballot Box.
2. Rick Zemla presented an email with Brian Boggs that stated that the trial in regards to the Party Barn was adjourned for July. There shall be no activity to take place until a court decision is made.
3. Accounts are reconciled through 3/31/2025 and audit materials are close to being ready to take to the auditor.
4. There was discussion about Code Enforcement for the township.

New Business:

1. A bid was presented for the purchase for a Stihl battery powered leaf blower, weed whip and extra battery. Discussion was had in regards to the necessity of the equipment replacement. Motion by Steve Maynard, supported by Tim Riegle to purchase the requested equipment. Motion passed 4-0 with R. Zemla 1 abstention - R. Zemla.
2. Sexton pay increase was discussed. Motion by Steve Maynard, supported by Tim Riegle to increase the sexton pay by \$100 per month effective with August 2025 pay. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention - R. Zemla.
3. There was discussion about cemetery cleanup and removing prohibited items. No date was set but mid-October was discussed.

4. Cemetery charges were discussed and a spreadsheet with area cemeteries fees was presented. Tabled, awaiting information from a few more cemeteries.
5. There was discussion about Cemetery Sexton grave opening/closings payment policy/procedure.
6. Supervisor Rick Zemla presented an update in regards to the Fire Department. He encouraged public and board member attendance to future meetings.
7. Thank you cards and gift certificates for those that helped with the search and training of the new Township Treasurer and Clerk were purchased personally by the current board.
8. The auditor will be contacted in regards to the need of doing a budget amendment for a check written approved in February and written in May to the Magnet Task Force.
9. A possible Millage increase for emergency services may need to be looked at.
10. Supervisor Zemla presented two bids for level spoils at the cemetery and discussion was had. Motion by Rick Zemla, Support by Tim Riegler to continue with Aaron Taylor with a bid of \$650.
11. Initial statements were received from the Shiawassee County Road Commission for Meridian Road. The Chip Seal/Fog Seal is expected to be done early September. A motion was made by Steve Maynard, supported by Tim Riegler to pay Shiawassee County for the asphalt and limestone on Meridian Road. Roll call vote: Riegler - yes, Maynard - yes, Emelander - yes, Latz - yes, Zemla - yes.
12. A partial tax payment resolution was presented by Supervisor Zemla and discussed. Motion by Tim Riegler, supported by Steve Maynard to approve Resolution 2025-8 for partial tax payments. Roll call vote: Riegler - yes, Maynard - yes, Emelander - yes, Latz - yes, Zemla - yes.

Reports:

1. Meridian Road has been paved with limestone on the sides of the road. The gradall and arm mowing has been done.
2. Clerk Latz reported on Election and Registered Voter classes completed.

New Bills:

1. Motion by Tim Riegler, supported by Steve Maynard to approve bills as presented. Motion carried.

The next meeting is on September 4th at 7:00 at the Fairfield Township Hall.

Motion by Tim Riegler, supported by Steve Maynard to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Latz
Township Clerk