

Fairfield Township
Shiawassee County
Minutes from July 10, 2025

The July 10, 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, Trustee Time Riegle and Trustee Steve Maynard. Clerk Sonya Latz was absent. Guest present: Brent Singer - Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner, Jenna Julie - Deputy Drain Commissioner, Deputy Treasurer Amy Bowen and Richard Whaley.

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

Steve Maynard made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5th meeting as presented. Tim Riegle supported the motion and motion carried.

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

Guest Comment: Whaley questioned about Meridian Road project and how much it was going to cost the Township. The North portion of Meridian Road is being paid for by the County. The South portion will cost about \$325,000 of which the Township and a private donor will be paying for. There will be crushed limestone added to the side of the road.

Unfinished Business:

1. Tim Riegle purchased two cameras to be mounted at the Township Hall viewing the election ballot drop box.
2. There was no update on the Party Barn.
3. The VC3 was disconnected and service discontinued
4. It was reminded that checks can only be written with an approved invoice/statement.

New Business:

1. Shiawassee County Drain Commission, Brent Singer and Deputy Drain Commission Jenna Julie presented information about consolidating intracounty and intercounty drains to be the Wait Consolidated Intercounty Drain, located in Clinton and Shiawassee County. Consolidating these drains into one will be easier to maintain. Tim Riegle made a motion to adopt the Resolution Authorization Petitions for Consolidation of Intracounty and Intercounty Drains and Drainage Districts. Allison Emelander supported the motion and motion carried. Roll call vote: Maynard – yes, Emelander – yes, Riegle – yes, Zemla – yes. Latz – absent.

2. Rick Zemla commented that Mike Zemla may not be able to continue maintaining the cemetery much longer. It is a large project maintaining the cemetery. Future conversations will need to take place about pay and position for the cemetery maintenance.
3. Rick Zemla will research battery operated weed whips for the Township to purchase to be used at the cemetery.
4. There was discussion about cleaning up the cemetery and removing all prohibited items prior to the designated October clean up date. No date has been set at this time.
5. Rick Zemla has been researching what other Townships charge for cemetery plots and burial fees. Currently the Township is only charging what they are being charged by the Sexton. More discussion will take place about increasing the charges at the August meeting.

Reports

1. The Township received 42 loads of spoils from the Middlebury Township roads. Greens took some of the spoils and the rest of the spoils will be used at the cemetery.
2. Kevin Lenkart, Director of Public Safety provided the EMS statistics for June 2025 for Fairfield Township. There were 4 runs in the Township. It was discussed there will be a new proposal for EMS coverage for 2026.
3. The Fire Department still has not received a lease agreement proposal or a land contract agreement from the Village of Elsie. The Fire Department Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 16th.
4. Rick Zemla reached out to Aaron Taylor for a quote to move the spoils to the large hole at the cemetery.
5. There is no Shiawassee County Update.

Announcements:

1. Thank you to Tim Riegle and Mark Latz for the cemetery tree clean-up.
2. Rick Zemla spoke with Merilee, the Township Assessor, and there is no July Board of Review scheduled at this time.

Tim Riegle made a motion to approved the bills as presented. Steve Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Next meeting is on August 7th at 7:00 pm at the Fairfield Township Hall.

Tim Riegle made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Steve Maynard supported the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bowen

Deputy Treasurer