

OGEMAW HERALD

Churchill Township Monthly Minutes.

September 8, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7 pm & Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kavalunas, Quigley, Miller, Lauria, Schnautz, M. Ockerman, S. Yuchasz, N. Hennard, R. Wilgus, J. Balog, B. Reasoners, D. Barcia, G & D Christensen, Sherlyn & Elijah Burkhardt- new Assessors.

Minutes were approved & the Treasurer report approved too.

Correspondences: none

New Business: Nancy Hennard- 911 representative.

Nancy gave the Board an update on 911- she told the Board so far in seven months they've received almost 30,000 --911 & non-emergency calls. Her term is expiring & she would like to continue to be our representative.

Motion Carried for Nancy to be the 911 representative but she should send meeting updates to the Clerk.

New Assessor Elijah answered questions of the Board- will send another contract to Supervisor to sign.

Motion Carried to hire Elijah Burkhardt as Churchill Twp. Assessor start date- Sept. 9th 2026.

Motion Carried to allow the Township Hall Manager to have a three month leave of absence-personal- & to allow the Clerk & Treasurer to cover till January 1, 2027.

Unfinished Business: Cemetery steps

Trustee Lauria would like the Cemetery steps facing the State Rd side removed due to blocking roadway view.

With discussion not to removed them since they are historical to the Cemetery and have been there many years.

Question if Nate completed maintenance projects. Outside ones are done but not the inside of Twp. hall ones.

Clerk will get with him & when he needs a key to have the hall opened. .

Public Comment: Blight on Peters Rd.

Constance told the Board that none thing of the blight has been cleaned at the resident on Peter's Rd. Supervisor stated he went to the home & the owner was in the hospital. Board asked Supervisor to contact resident & remind him of the Township free dump day on September 26th. The Board will review at the October meeting.

J. Balog reminded the Board that Lake Ogemaw residents want the ultra-thin paving projects each year. Board told him two roads were on the list but the Road Commission canceled all projects due to repairs needed from the spring flood. The two roads will carry over to the 2027 project list.

Jay also asked the Board to consider helping with funding to repair the Dam at Lake Ogemaw. Supervisor stated the Dam is in another Township & the lake is a private one that most residents are not allowed to use.

G. Christensen asked the Board for help from our Blight officer on violation with campers according to Ogemaw County ordinances. Churchill Twp. Blight Office is only used as an on call service when Board reviews and determines as need is there. (Mills Twp. have a 24 hour per week Blight Officer.) With discussion he will drop off information & picture of two properties he is concerned with for the Clerk to get with Board if future action is needed.

B. Reasoner Thanked the Board for the gravel help with the Roadway on Huron Cross at Lake Ogemaw.

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Reports:

Supervisor: Told the Board the County Administrator is in charge of the bail lifts in the County Building. They gave the Health Dept. a \$ 3,000. raise per year. Commissioner approved additional money for sheriff's overtime. They have placed a one year moratorium on Data Centers, Battery Storage, Solar & Wind energy. A test weather tower is going up for possible future windmills. The County Treasurer has asked for an audit to be conducted by the State Police. The next MTA Meeting will voting on new board members which he is considering applying for.

Clerk: Told the Board the November Election ballots will be out around Sept. 24th – she will be preparing the 350 Absent Voting ballot request.

Treasurer: Told the Board they our working on the tax payments that have been made with many more to go.

Trustee Lauri: no report

Trustee Quigley: Told the Board she was at a meeting that Harvest Solar was there: they provide solar energy to small business. She told us that the County wants the Sheriff's evidence room audited & the Sheriff in strongly against it. Commissioner Scott wants to charge Townships for Zoning work. Fundraising has begun for the new Veterans Park.

A motion was made Schnautz and seconded by Miller to pay the bills. ***Motion Carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Lynn Kavalunas – Churchill Twp. Clerk

Unapproved Twp. board meeting Minutes