

OGEMAW HERALD

Churchill Township Monthly Minutes.

September 8th, 2025 Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Schnautz, Kavalunas, Quigley, Miller, Lauria, M. Ockerman, J & M Balog, R. Wangler

Correspondence None

Public Comment Jay talked about the need for a S. Lake Ogemaw access to the road way which would be in Mills Twp. Supervisor stated he would have to work with the Mills Twp. Board on that issue. Also asked if any ultra-thin paving would be planned for next year, Supervisor stated two roads will be reviewed.

New Business: DNR L-4029

Motion to approve the DNR L-4029 rates **Motion Carried** Resolution # 25-12

Motion to approve the 2026 mowing contract for the Cemetery & Twp. Hall at same rate. **Motion Carried.**

Blight issue at 2521 M-33 & neighbor's trailer With discussion not a blight issue per the Twp.'s ordinance.

Blight issue at 1863 Cuyuga Trail- neighbor. Roof Tarp is not in the Twp.'s Ordinance. Not a blight issue.

Discussion on Township selling additional grave sites to resident that have situations of family member's deaths.

Township gives two plots to our residents at no cost- we do not sell additional plots to residents & non-residents.

Board will ask the Sexton to come to the next meeting for discussion on plot selling and land available.

Unfinished Business: MTA Dues

Churchill Twp. Board Members disagree with the request of dues for the County MTA. There is no answer when asked what the funds would be spent on other than if they need to pay for a speaker. After contacting many past members of MTA we were told they have never had to pay for a speaker. Board does not feel comfortable using Twp. funds when there is no reason for the money. The exception to the dues is hosting a meeting at your Township. Churchill Twp. did host and supply refreshments & food to those that attended at the cost of the Board Members- no Township money was used. Churchill Township was planning on hosting again in 2026- there are only four meetings per year.

At the September County MTA Meeting a motion was made and carried to not allow non-paying dues members

To attend the meetings.

Treasurer contacted the County Prosecuting Attorney with the question "does the County MTA meetings fall under the "Open Meetings Act" There is a quorum of elected officials, minutes are taken, agendas are handed out & votes are held.

The answer to the question is all Churchill Twp. is requesting- no further action is being taken- We just want the knowledge of the Open Meeting Act & County MTA meetings.

Since meeting things have been blown out of portion, have been told they hired an attorney. Suggested was to host the next meeting in November to end issue- even though another township was scheduled to host.

With Discussion Board will wait for answer from Prosecuting Attorney and does not plan to go any further than to have the question answered.

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Reports:

Supervisor: been contacted from Lk. Ogemaw to help with the water issue at M. Vincent resident. Board has had many discussion with the resident & suggests she hires an excavator to divert the water flow away from her house.

County is looking into two generators for the airport & the County Building, they are looking for a part time

dog catcher & possible giving raises to their employees and elected officials. Road commission is inventorying their property and had a request to do maintenance on a railroad track toward St. Helen. Transit bus will not run on Saturday's and he attended a meeting for the Mi Conservation District.

Clerk Reported to the Board that EGLE inspected the Transfer Station & Floyd passed the Compliance report!

She reminded the Board that the Township Free Dump day is September 27th from 10-4 pm

The Computer Support change over to BS&A will begin on September 22nd thru the 26th

Treasurer: told the Board the last day for taxes is on Sunday & she received a Veterans exemption that she forwarded to Zach- the Assessor.

Motion Carried – to approve the 300.00 to Floyd for his tractor usage at the Free Dump day

Trustee Lauria no report- questioned on the Checkerflag issue he stated they must have filed the proper papers with the State of Michigan, they are selling alcohol & lottery tickets.

Trustee Quigley no report

Commissioner Report: not in attendance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Lynn Kavalunas -- Churchill Twp. Clerk

**** Unapproved Twp. Board meeting minutes.**