Churchill Township Monthly Minutes.

November 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7 pm & Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kavalunas, Quigley, Miller, Lauria, Schnautz, M. Ockerman, J. David, P. Losee, M. Ockerman & Elijah.

Minutes were approved & the Treasurer report approved too.

Correspondences: Letter from MI Office of Rural Prosperity.- requested tabled.

Commissioner report: Jenny David told the Board that the Housing Dept. is being audited. They have two bids for snow removal & are looking for a new IT company & Emergency Manager too. They had a Cyber Security breach at the County building which insurance is covering. The jail has failed two inspection. The Transit is looking at raising rates even though the millage has passed. The County Mater Plan will be updated & she suggest we attend the meetings on this since it has to do with Data Center- Wind & Solar & Battery storage.

New Business:

Motion Carried on the 2027 Mowing rate from BST Exteriors for the Cemetery & the Twp. Hall- same price.

Motion Carried to pay the bill for the Township Insurance- 2027 plan Municipal Underwriter of MI- Paul Olsen.

Supervisor told the Board that the Fire Dept. Protection bill for 2027 is: $ 47,610.00.

Supervisor mentioned at the Fire Dept. Meeting suggested was to build a satellite fire station in our Township.

The Township would be responsible for all cost associated with the building. Clerk asked if the Township would get a reduce rate if we had to build & maintain the building. Trustee Lauria stated many years ago a fire dept. was turned down in our Township. Supervisor stated this was in an early stage discussion.

Unfinished Business: Township Assessor Elijah

Gave the Board an update on the assessments he has done. He had only one resident not allow him on the property. If he finds properties that have not been taxed correctly- he can go back 3 years. He told the Board that Zach- old assessor gave him all the records he needed with no problems.

Public Comment:

Phillip Losee told the Board he is concern on the steps at the Cemetery blocking the view when pulling out of Gerald Miller Road. He brought in a petition of 32 signatures-- Clerk noted 11 people that signed the petition do not live in our Township. He is also concerned on the speed limit there. Supervisor told him the Road Commission has to do speed study to change the speed limit. He told Phillip that he is not in favor of tearing down the steps with it being an historical cemetery dating back to the 1800's. Resident's in the area are aware of the site line & we have not had any accidents. More discussion- no action taken.

Reports:

Supervisor: Told the Board that the Road Commission has received a refund of $ 374,000. From money spent on repairs from the spring storms. The County Building electric rate increased 5000.00 due to the heater not working and workers bring in personal electric heaters

Clerk: Told the Board that the yearly Township Audit will start next week. The election day voting will begin Tuesday from 7 am till 8 pm. The County had 80 Churchill Twp. Residents vote in the 9 days of early voting & she had 379 residents request ballots by mail.

Treasurer: Told the Board that Elijah is a pleasure to work with. She is concern on the railroad ties in the parking lot & will get prices on cement one.

Trustee Quigley: no report

Trustee Lauria: Told the Board he would like his wage for doing the Liquor Law Inspection reviewed. The State of Michigan pays for inspections & he feels the wage need to be adjusted. Clerk & Treasurer will review.

He also stated that the Rifle River Restoration approved a property owner for a bridge crossing the river but EGLE will need to review it too.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Lynn Kavalunas – Churchill Tw p. Clerk ***Unapproved Twp. board meeting Minutes***