

OGEMAW HERALD

Churchill Township Monthly Minutes.

March 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7 pm & Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were approved & the Treasurer report will be mail to the Board members.

Present: Schnautz, Kavalunas, Quigley, Miller, Lauria, M. Ockerman, S. Yuchasz, B. Tyree, J. Clark, T. Grezeszak & K. Prince

**Correspondence** Principals of Governance.

**Motion Carried** to approve the Principal of Governance for Churchill Township.

Letter from MTA – if anyone would like to sit on a Board- contact Supervisor for more information.

**New Business:** Ogemaw Fire Dept. Fire Protection bill.

Bruce Tyree gave the Board information on how they calculate the Fire Appropriation bill for each Township. He stated that the cost of equipment is rising faster than they projected. The funding they receive is thru the Fire Appropriation bills, fire run charges & grants that are wrote. John Clark gave insight on how the previous billing were done – that included a 5 year plan for equipment. He had also review the fire bill and made a correction to the way the bill should be: Appropriations & then the increase for fire equipment. Even though Board does not like the big increase they realizes we need to have fire protections for the residents of Churchill Township.

**Motion Carried** to pay the 2026 Fire Appropriation/ Equipment bill. \$ 51,705.00.

The Board would like to Thank John Clark & Bruce Tyree for their information on the Fire Dept. billing process.

Kevin Prince gave the Board an update on the Gypsy Moth & the Spraying Companies. He will be at the April Board meeting with more information on areas to spray & cost of spraying.

**Public Comment.** Steve Yuchase mentioned that there will be a Leadership Workshop at the County Annex building on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 for anyone interested in attending.

**Unfinished Business** Review the pay scale for Township workers.

Note: Fiscal year starts July 1, 2026 & Jan. 1, 2026 minimum wage will increase to \$15.00 per hour. With discussion on the importance of the Township workers & how they are giving up their jobs to help with our Township needs.

Discussion on Job duties at the Transfer Station & some maintenance at the Township Hall.

**Motion Carried-Resolution #26-04:** Election Workers, Clean-up Day Workers & Board of Review members

Currently at \$ 15.00 to raise to \$ 19.00 per hour- starting July 1, 2026

**Motion Carried- Resolution #26-05:** Transfer Station Manager Currently \$16.00 to raise to \$ 20.00 per hour.

**Motion Carried Resolution #26-06:** Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer & Election Chairperson.

Currently at \$17.50 to raise to \$ 22.00 per hour-starting July 1, 2026.

**Motion Carried Resolution # 26-07:** Township Hall Manager currently \$150.00 per month raise to \$200.00.

**Motion Carried- Resolution # 26-08:** Increase the Internet fee from \$ 40.00 to \$ 50.00 per month.

***The Elected Officials for Churchill Township choose not to ask for pay increases. Reports:***

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### **Reports:**

**Supervisor:** Told the Board the dates of the Board of Review meetings. Organization- March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Public Board of Review dates are **March 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 3 pm** & **March 10<sup>th</sup> 3 pm to 9 pm**

He stated that the County has narrowed the position of County Administrator to four candidates.

Trustee Quigley stated with the Supervisor that the County Audit show they'd have a fund balance

to sustain for 3 month currently. Road Commission is low on salt & will be using more sand on the roads.

Supervisor told the Board that he contacted the Road Commission on the possible Pettit Road project. They are willing to do a 50/50 split on Engineering & soil testing. They will be at the April meeting with more project cost.

Supervisor also stated that a letter was a set by another Board member on the same subject & feels we only one person represent the township on road projects.

**Motion Carried:** The Supervisor would handle all questions & contact on road projects & the Clerk would address any billing issues.

**Clerk:** Stated she has spent a lot of time on the Fire Appropriation bill & preparing the resolutions.

**Treasurer:** Told the Board that is was the last day of tax collecting & they had many NSF checks this year.

**Trustee Lauria** No report but stated that the Liquor Law forms are signed by the businesses.

**Trustee Quigley:** shared the County report with the Supervisor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Lynn Kavalunas – Churchill Twp. Clerk

***Unapproved Twp. board meeting Minutes***