

November 4, 2025 Oliver Township board meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests present; Tom Ziel, Larry Krohn, Ryan Upthegrove, Steve Vaughan, Lonnie Schulz, Jim Seley, Kevin McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, Robert Ross and Patrick Myers from Next Era Corp.

Motion to approve the agenda by Robert Ross, seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the previous month's minutes and checks written by Kevin McKenzie, seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Balances for all accounts are \$1,090,059.01

Fire, chief's report:

The Fire Chief, Jim Seley, gave the yearly payroll request to the clerk. He stated that the runs for the past year was 76. That was down slightly from 87 the previous year.

There are bills For the Michigan State Firemen's Association, plastic fire helmets for kids at public events, and a pager for the fire department.

Two firemen are going to fire fighter school.

Halloween in town went very well and the fire department gave away 720 hotdogs and 1000 cups of hot chocolate in a very short time. There were a very large number of people in town for that evening because the event was not on actual Halloween.

Fire runs:

October 10, 2:30 AM one car, personal injury.

October 10, mattress on fire at Chandler Hall, inside of a trailer.

October 15, two vehicle personal injury near Laker School.

October 19, power wire down.

October 22, fire alarm at Tower automotive.

October 31, two vehicle personal injury, car – moped.

Robert Ross reported that Greg Heleski received a site permit for a \$4000 entrance on the west side of the house located at 2332 Grassmere Rd. Site permit fee of \$15.00 was paid by builder Michael Craig.

Sara Mallory, CPA from Nietzke & Faupel Accounting firm gave the biannual-audit report. Report was satisfactory and is reflected in their written report that she provided. Motion to approve the audit report by Robert Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed. See attached report.

Sara Mallory will work with the township on the next financial budget to utilize more of the QuickBooks features. In the past we've used Excel spread sheets. QuickBooks should be faster and easier. Also, she generated the numbers for the retirement system contributions to be made next month.

Patrick Meyers of Next Era Corporation gave a brief presentation on the possibility of an electrical energy battery storage installation in Oliver township. They will be working with the planning commission and the township board in the future as project plans are formulated.

Tom Ziel gave a brief report about the county road commission bill and next year's road construction. He will be working with the road commission to solidify plans for 2026 projects.

Robert Ross reported the township planning commission met. Topics of discussion where as follows.

Next Era Corporation possible future projects in Oliver township.

The possibility of one resident installing a trailer house on their property. There were three problems with the installation of the trailer house. First was the location next to another double wide home, the second was that the planning commission thought the trailer house could not meet County Building & Zoning standards and lastly, it did not meet the square footage requirement for the Township.

Tom Ziel spoke briefly to the owner and said that if they wanted to pursue the installation of the trailer home they would have to contact the zoning administrator, Robert Ross.

County commissioner Steve Vaughan spoke of several state and local issues.

The county will have a new Treasurer and a new District Court Judge. There's also a very tight budget at the county level and it's always a working project to keep everything funded.

Tom Ziel said there may be a possibility of a December board of review but didn't know at this time.

Motion to pay the bills by Gary Sweeney and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Motion by Robert Ross and seconded by Kevin McKenzie to adjourn. Motion passed.