

February 3, 2026, Oliver Township meeting minutes.

Members and guests in attendance; Tom Ziel, Bob Ross, Gary Sweeney, Kevin, McKenzie, Jim Seley, Ryan Upthegrove, Steve Vaughan, Angela Guza and Patrick Meyers, Next Era Corporation.

Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Ross and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes from last month and checks written by Gary Sweeney. Seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Total balance of all accounts is \$898,590.63.

Fire Chief's report:

The Fire Chief reported that they would pay for half of the electrical hook up for the new air compressor. The total bill is \$881.00 and the fire department will pay \$440.50 with donations from fund raisers. They also bought a number of tools and toolboxes for the fire trucks.

Chief Seley reported that they sent out four sets of turnout gear to be cleaned after the fire at Tower Automotive, now known as Autokinaton. Turn out gear was extremely sooty and oily from the fire.

Fire runs:

January 6, wire down on Jesse Street.

January 9, assisted Winsor Township.

January 13, fire at Tower Automotive now known as Autokinaton. Several airpacks and turn out gear units were soaked with oil.

January 14, CO2 false alarm on Renn Street. It was dead battery in the unit.

January 19, false alarm at Tower Automotive.

January 21, assist Bad Axe FD, at Tractor Supply Co.

January 28, lift assistant Maude street.

Chief Seley stated that the fire department's portion of the bylaws update will be started this month.

Bob Ross reported that Wilkinson Solutions has a contract for road brine application for our consideration. The contract is for \$7140 to brine Oliver Township roads as usual. The amount is nearly the same as last year and years past. Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney to approve the contract. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel reported that Board Of Review dates are as follows. March 12 from 3 PM to 9 PM. and March 13 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Tom Ziel reported that the 2026 road construction decisions are still open for discussion and will make more decisions after the township budget is final in March.

Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Bob Ross to raise the firemen's pay rate from \$40 to \$50 per run and training session. Motion passed by unanimous rollcall vote. All other township wages will remain the same as last fiscal year.

Below is a summary of wages for the Oliver Township employees for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and will be in effect April 1, 2026

Supervisor, \$13,100 per year.

Deputy supervisor, \$1200 per year.

Clerk, \$18,700 per year.

Deputy Clerk, \$1200 per year.

Treasurer, \$18,700 per year.

Deputy Treasurer, \$1200 per year.

Trustee, \$200 per meeting.

Assessor, \$20,366.04 per year.

Board or Review, \$137 per six hour day.

Planning Commission:

Chairperson, \$150 per meeting.

Secretary, \$125 per meeting.

Planning Commissioner, \$100 per meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals, \$100 per meeting.

Election worker chair person at the "Tuesday" election, \$17 per hour.

All other election workers during Early Voting and Tuesday elections, \$15 per hour.

Mileage rate, \$.67 per mile.

Fire Chief \$600 per month plus runs and training. All firefighters will receive \$50 per fire run and \$50 per training session.

Angela Guza, Township Assessor, reported that there is Board of Review training in Bad Axe on February 16. She also spoke about Board Of Review dates and tax tribunal from last year. Huron Pork sent their paperwork in late last year and may try again this year regarding their solar panels.

Tom Ziel briefly mentioned that Winsor Township charges \$1250 per section for fire coverage in Chandler Township. We are currently charging \$700 per section.

Chandler and Grant townships have paid standby fees up to the end of 2026. It will have to be looked at midyear and could go up to \$1250 per section for next year's billing cycle.

County Commissioner, Steve Vaughan mentioned that the county is looking into a millage for courthouse security and sheriff's department. There could possibly be a vote for 0.4 mill on the next ballot. The county is also looking into .325 mill for senior programs.

Bob Ross reported that the Planning Commission members all agreed to hire the Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes law firm to assist with any new, renewable energy projects.

Tom Ziel also said that he was impressed with their promptness and willingness to work with Oliver township.

Motion by Adam Herford and seconded by Bob Ross to hire Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes law firm for renewable energy projects. Motion passed.

Tom Ziel reported that the budget hearing date has been set at March 24,2026, 7 PM. It will be published in the Huron County view.

Motion to pay the bills by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Adam Herford and seconded by Kevin McKenzie. Motion passed.