

May 5, 2026 Oliver Township meeting minutes.

Supervisor, Tom Ziel opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM in the Township Hall. Members and guest present; Steve Vaughan, Jim Seley, Kevin, McKenzie, Gary Sweeney, Michael Wolschlager, Ryan Upthegrove, Patrick Myers from Next Era Corporation, Tom Ziel, Bob, Ross, Lonnie Schulz, and Adam Herford.

Motion by Bob Ross to approve the agenda and seconded by Adam Herford. Motion passed.

Motion by Kevin McKenzie to approve last month's minutes and checks written. Motion was supported by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed

Treasurer's report:

Total of all accounts is \$1,385,541.15

Fire Chief's report:

Chief Seley reported that he was working on an ISO survey.

The department would like to order a strainer for the pumper truck at the cost of about \$500.

Oliver Township fire department got a DNR grant. If we spend \$5000 they match the grant for department project.

The Township fire department pancake breakfast will be May 17.

Fire runs:

April 13, grass fire at Filion and Herford Road area.

April 16, false alarm at Tower automotive and later in the day another false alarm.

April 20, chimney fire South Elkton Rd.

Fire fighter Chase Kenny passed, fire-fighter 1 schooling.

Fire fighter Michael Wolschlager passed officer 1 training. He is going on to officer 2 training.

Site permits:

Hunter Seley received a site permit for 30 x 40 pole shed at his home property on South Elkton Rd. Permit fee was \$15.

Robert Ross offered a zoning fee schedule resolution for a special use projects. It was supported by Adam Herford and with a roll call vote. All board members voted yes.

resolution passed.

Motion to reappoint Al Bumhoffer and Terry Renn, to the planning commission. Motion by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

The following are the terms for planning commission members.

Al Bumhoffer and Terry Renn, term runs until the end of 2028.

Dan Drabek and Scott Holzwart to the end of 2027

Scott Angst and Jamie Wolschlager, to the end of 2026

Scott Angst was voted in to be Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals by the Planning Commission at their regular April meeting.

Zoning board of appeals consists of

Scott Angst as chairman until end of 2028

Bill Herford until end of 2027 and

Gary Sweeney until end of 2026

Bob Ross reported that the planning commission had several items of business at the April meeting.

The Planning Commission passed an ordinance in their April meeting pertaining to the general operation of the Planning Commission. Essentially, they updated their bylaws. Bob Ross Offered a resolution to approve the update of bylaws by the planning commission. Resolution supported by Gary Sweeney. Resolution passed.

The planning commission hearing of May 21 will included a possible battery energy storage system (BESS) ordinance change. Very few changes are expected. Those changes, if any, will be reviewed at the June township meeting.

The Planning Commission recommended a moratorium on AI data centers until an ordinance can be developed. Artificial intelligence data centers are new and little is known about them at this point. The period recommended for the moratorium is one year (until the third Thursday of April, 2027).

Resolution for said moratorium was offered by Bob Ross and seconded by Adam Herford. Roll-call vote showed that all board members voted yes. Resolution passed.

Bob Ross also reported that Ked Miller, local area farmer, volunteered to be a replacement for the planning commission, if any member would retire.

Huron County Commissioner, Steve Vaughan reported on several local issues. One item was his possible recall. Several petitioners we're going around and getting signatures, but Mr. Vaughan believes that their language is not proper on the petition, and will have a little chance of succeeding.

Due to scheduling conflicts, summer vacations and other obligations, we would not be able to have a quorum at the regular June meeting. The June meeting, and the July meeting will be combined and held on June 16, 7pm. Motion to do so by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Bob Ross will provide proper public notification on the website etc. of the meeting schedule changes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Adam Herford and seconded by Gary Sweeney. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Bob Ross