

**NEWKIRK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**TUESDAY February 17, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Newkirk Township was held Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newkirk Township Hall.

**Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Visitors:** Jeff Black, William TenHave, Don Divis, Ron DenBraber

**Visitor Comments:**

**Agenda approval** M. Gray made the motion to approve February 17, 2026, with the addition of New Business, a. 9-day early voting. R. Hall supported, **motion carried 5-0**

**Approval of January 20, 2026, draft minutes, and financial report,** R. Hall made the motion to approve M. Gray supported, **motion carried 5-0**

**Budget Amendments:**

**Increase Auditor 750      Increase Assessor 3000      Increase Treasurer 2250**  
**Decrease Contract Services 6000**

**Expenses:**

a. 12948.36	NT Tax Account	DNR PILT
b. 18.37	Consumers Energy	Streetlighting
c. 17321.20	Luther Fire District #1	February payment
d. 755.00	UHY Advisors	year end
e. 23.35	Lake County Treasurer	chargebacks
f. 134.00	Mika Meyers	blite on Old M63
g. 30.46	Great Lakes Energy	Streetlighting

S. Gray made the motion to pay the expenses, R. Hall supported, **motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.**

**No Old Business:**

a. Continuing to monitor the cleaning up on M63, there is not much change, vehicles still present, time to take further action.

**New Business:**

- a. Discussion of opting out of 9-day early voting, G. Allan made the motion to opt out, S. Gray seconded, **motion carried roll call 3-2**
- b. M. Gray made the motion to pay up to \$1200 for surveillance installment from Brooks Security for Voter Drop Box as mandatory by the State. Installation will be reimbursed by State. Required 75 days before the Election. Motion seconded by R. Hall, **motion carried 5-0**
- c. Osceola Lake Conservation donation was approved for \$600 as in the past. S. Gray made the motion and R. Hall seconded the motion, **motion carried roll call 5-0**
- d. The Michigan Township Association Principles of Governance certificate was signed by board members for display.
- e. The Resolution to merge Newkirk Township Cadillac Voters to South Branch Township was approved, motion made by R. Hall and seconded by M. Gray **motion carried 5-0**
- f. Approval of the 2026/2027 Newkirk Township Meeting dated was approved, motion made by G. Allan and seconded by S. Gray. **Motion carried 5-0**
- g. Salary Resolution and mileage rates were approved, motion made by G. Allan and seconded by R. Hall **motion carried. See attached Resolution.**
- h. A motion was made by C. Fullerton to rescind the motion to opt out of early voting, seconded by R. Hall, **motion denied. 3-2**

**No additional visitor comments**

**Adjournment:** R. Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, S. Gray supported. **Motion approved 5-0** Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm