

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 01-05-2016

Present: Supervisor Gene Reck, Treasurer Donna Wood, Trustee Howard Wood, Clerk John Keller, Trustee Lynn Ribits

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Cross Village Board was called to order by Reck at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Agenda:

The Agenda was amended by Supervisor Reck to include item 4b: Approval of December 2015 Special Meeting minutes. Gene Reck moved to approve the amended agenda. Howard Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (Dec 2015):

Howard Wood moved to approve the December 2015 minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the December 2015 minutes were approved.

Special Meeting Minutes (Dec 2015):

Gene Reck moved to approve the December 2015 Special Meeting minutes. John Keller seconded. All were in favor and the December 2015 Special Meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer's report and Clerk's reports were summarily accepted.

Total Bills Paid (December 2015): \$12,624.64

Payment of Bills:

Supervisor Reck questioned an invoice from the County Road Commission for the Levering Road project, asking whether the township had not already paid that bill. Clerk Keller responded he believed Cross Village paid a different amount, as had been decided by the Supervisor at December 2015 meeting. Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$3,193.74), excepting the Road Commission invoice (\$8572.88). Keller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- The Supervisor gave information on a change in the ISO insurance rating for RFC Fire and Rescue. The rating improved from an 8 to a 7 in all areas within 5 road miles of any of the fire stations. Class 10 remains in effect of all areas beyond 5 miles.
- Supervisor Reck presented a draft agenda for the M119 Scenic Heritage Route

Committee meeting which will be held January 12, 2016 at the Little Traverse Conservancy Conference Room at 9:30 am.

- Supervisor mentioned that progress on the Recreation Plan was ongoing, with the acquisition of a digital copy of the Township's current Rec Plan now available.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2016 -: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan and Recreation Committees No discussion occurred.
- d. Fireworks Ordinance: Not dead yet – No action taken.
- e. Loss Control Recommendations: Supervisor Reck presented Loss Control recommendations for the township insurance, and the fact that he'd taken the needed action to satisfy the insurance company.
- f. LTBB: decision – After a great deal of discussion on the issue, a resolution was presented by Supervisor Reck giving him authority to retain and engage the Lansing law firm of Fraser Trebilcock to file a Motion for Intervention and to otherwise represent the Township's interest in the Litigation (LTBB tribe v. Governor Rick Snyder); and Supervisor Reck would also be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement to share the fees and costs of this representation in the Litigation, to be allocated in proportion to the State Equalized Value of affected property within the other local units of government sharing such representation. This resolution is in regards to other affected municipalities (including townships, cities, and counties) that are considering sharing representation by a law firm and sharing the costs incurred by such representation.

A deadline for affected parties to file a Motion to Intervene was previously set for January 29, 2016.

Keller and Ribits argued for retaining the necessary legal aid to file the Motion to Intervene before the deadline, but expressed concerns over the cost of sharing ongoing legal fees without a fixed or estimated final cost.

Trustee Howard Wood moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Gene Reck seconded. On a Roll Call vote, the following votes were recorded:

Lynn Ribits:	No
Gene Reck:	Yes
Donna Wood:	Yes
Howard Wood:	Yes
John Keller:	No

The Supervisor declared this resolution (#2016-001) adopted at the Regular Township Meeting on January 5, 2016.

The full text of the Resolution will be posted at the Community Center and Post Office.

New Business:

- a. Roads
 - i. Annual Emmet County Road Commission meeting for Cross Village Township is scheduled Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Center Township Hall at 6 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to make known their wishes regarding road work in the Township. Center Township Hall is located at 981 Van Road, Pellston.
 - ii. Emmet County Sub-Task force agenda was presented. Sub-Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 1 pm at the Emmet County Road Commission.
 - iii. Allocation – 2016 Township Allocation Summary was presented.
- b. The Emmet County Townships Association will meet Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm at Littlefield Township Hall. The Littlefield Township Hall is located at 6200 West St., Alanson. The meeting will begin at 7 pm.
- c. Board of Review training is being offered February 11, 2016 in St. Ignace. Supervisor will attend, and encourage other BOR members to do so as well.
- d. The regular Township meeting will occur as scheduled (February 2, 2016 at 7 pm in the Community Center). The following Tuesday, February 9, a Budget Workshop will be held at 6 pm at the Community Center. This meeting is subject to the Open Meetings act, and the public is welcome.

Second Public Comment: None

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk

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