

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 02-02-2016

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 f: Dark sky. Gene Reck moved to approve the amended agenda. Howard Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (Jan 2016): Howard Wood moved to approve the January 2016 minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the January 2016 minutes were approved.

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

Total Bills Paid (January 2016): \$8,752.67

Payment of Bills: Trustee Wood questioned when he would receive reimbursement for purchasing a new flag for the Community Center. Clerk Keller said he hadn't received a request for reimbursement. Supervisor Reck moved to form a committee to look into the matter. Keller asked what the amount in question was, and was told it was \$25.00. Clerk Keller suggested approving payment of the reimbursement verbal request, with a written request or invoice/receipt forthcoming from Howard Wood. Supervisor amended his motion to be as above, including the verbal reimbursement request with the rest of the unpaid bills. Howard Wood seconded the motion. Total bills including the reimbursement were: \$1,155.45. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence: None

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.

New Business:

- a. Roads: At the Road Commission Meeting, the County recommended crack-sealing Division Road, from State Road eastward, at a cost of \$48,000.00. After some discussion, it was decided the Township would not pursue that project, but will hold the funds.
- b. Board of Review training is being offered February 11, 2016 in St. Ignace. Supervisor will attend, as will Board of Review member Mr. James Adams.
- c. 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.
- d. More Information on the Governor's case: Supervisor Reck presented the board with a copy of the Motion to Intervene, filed by Attorney Thaddeus E. Morgan, of Fraser Trebilcock law firm (The law firm jointly representing the Townships), noting this document is not the actual response, but merely the motion to intervene in the lawsuit. Reck also noted that under the advice of Attorney James Ramer, he contacted the law firm and questioned part of the proposed fee assessment that had been presented to the Township. Specifically, charges that would be accrued by legal research done by Westlaw. Mr. Ramer stated this could be 'an horrendous' amount, and that it should be counted as Fraser Trebilcock's overhead, not township expense, as Fraser Trebilcock pays a fixed fee for that service. Supervisor Reck stated that upon contacting the law firm, those charges will not be included as township expenses.
- e. PZPA16-0002: Request to allow a 38-foot high residential building: After some discussion regarding topography and location of the proposed structure, Supervisor Reck moved to support approval. Donna Wood seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 *ayes*, 1 *nay* to recommend approval to the County. The motion carried. Supervisor will write a letter supporting approval.
- f. Dark Sky: Trustee Wood asked whether the constant outdoor lighting on the new restaurant was in violation of the Dark Sky initiative. Supervisor Reck stated he'd asked the County, and was told the owner is in complete compliance. Reck said he would speak with the owner, though, about the situation.

Second Public Comment: None

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk

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