

## **Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 08-04-2015

**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:** Amendments were added to the agenda, adding items D. Levering Road; E. Fire Dept.; F. Fireworks; G. K&J Septic. Howard Wood moved to approve the amended agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

**Minutes (July 2015):** Howard Wood moved to approve the July 2015 minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the July 2015 minutes were approved.

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

**Total Bills Paid (July 2015):** \$65,582.41

**Payment of Bills:** Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of the bills (\$5,403.00). Howard Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

- a. Supervisor related information on Networks Northwest to the Board.
- b. Supervisor mentioned our contract with Mackinaw Public Library, enumerating the many benefits this gives township residents, including the use of multiple area libraries.
- c. Mention was made regarding correspondence to board members from political action committees. Such correspondence and any action taken by a board member is on a personal level and not as a board member.
- d. Discussion occurred about the possibility of the township providing a location for PO boxes. No action was taken.

**Public Comments:** A citizen asked whether the post office was closing. The Supervisor related he'd not heard that it was, but that the future is uncertain. Discussion of the short hours, and difficulty in 'catching' the post office open occurred.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2014 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan and Recreation Committees: The committee hasn't yet met.

- d. Painting project for the Community Center is underway. The old insulation holes will be plugged before project is complete, said Supervisor Reck. The cost for the painting project is \$8,000.00.

### **New Business**

- A. Case # 19A-13 Wind Energy request 24-05-04-35-100-007: A request for a Special Use Permit for a wind energy system will be considered by the Emmet County Planning and Zoning on August 6<sup>th</sup>. After lengthy discussion, including hearing from the owner, Mr. Warren Morché, and hearing from other concerned citizens including the reading of a letter from Ms. June Summers, the board decided not to support this request. Supervisor Reck will send a letter stating the township's position.
- B. Lights for Ramp: No action has occurred yet on this matter. Trustee Wood mentioned someone had backed into one of the metal benches at the park, and asked if rocks could be placed to protect from such incidents.
- C. Changes in the Freedom of Information Act: A discussion on new changes to FOIA was held, involving possible written and adopted policy for the Township. Supervisor Reck provided such a policy (offered by MTA), which can be tailored to Cross Village Township.
- D. Levering Road: According the Supervisor Reck the project is not completed yet. He related that Brian Gutowski (County Road Commission) said "it will be done next week".
- E. Fire Department: Howard Wood wanted more information on personnel changes at the Fire Department, concerning the personal leave for six months of Chief Don Horn. He expressed concern regarding a perceived lack of gratitude for his volunteering.
- F. Fireworks: Gene Reck asked to have the draft ordinance revisited at the next township meeting. The board agreed that would be fine.
- G. K&J Septic: Clerk Keller reported on a bill from K&J that they say they cannot find payment for. Keller sent K&J copies of the check carbon copies, and requested that Treasurer Wood check whether the checks were cleared through the bank (First Community Bank).

**Second Public Comment:** More discussion occurred regarding the post office. Information on the Yaklin property (Cross Village Shores) was presented by a citizen, who said the matter is set to go before a judge.

**Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

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**John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk**

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