

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

**Date:** 08-09-2016

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

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

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

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

**Total Bills Paid (July 2016):** \$7808.31

**Payment of Bills:** Gene Reck moved to pay unpaid bills totaling \$6343.25. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor.

### **Correspondence/Announcements:**

- Supervisor stated an estimate to repair cracked sidewalks was \$800, and Cross Village Community Services is willing to pay ½ costs (\$400).
- Supervisor said Mr. Ryan Johnston gave an estimate for the Town Hall upgrade cost of \$200/square foot, totaling around \$80,000.00
- Supervisor stated the County Road Commission suggests an ordinance regarding the use of engine brakes within township limits, but that they (County) may provide signage on the issue.
- Supervisor stated Ms. Pam Keller is interested in having a food truck in the Village. She also informed Reck that there are government monies to 'refurbish old gas stations', and suggested it may be something to consider regarding the old Pinterelli gas station. Reck stated any proposal must involve the Township.

### **Public Comments:**

- Mr. Stephen Keller forwarded a statement regarding the naming of the Port/Park. He feels it would be appropriate to officially name the park "The Stanley Smolak Memorial Park", due to the Smolak's long-time support and community service. Keller noted in his letter that other places in the Township bear family names, such as The Marie Krupa Meeting Room, and The Audrey Keller Reading Room. Thus, he states, there is precedent for naming township spaces after individuals. Supervisor Reck said he'd take a look at the official name of the Park.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2017-: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan: No discussion occurred.
- d. Well Proposal: Report on costs - Supervisor spoke to Ramsby Well Drilling about the cost for a well at the Park, and was told it'd likely be less than \$10,000.00 but there's no guarantee on that figure. Trustee Howard Wood suggested the Supervisor talk to the Tribe (LTBB) regarding permissible activities within the Park. Supervisor agreed to take a look. Wood stated he'll provide a copy of the applicable treaty for study.
- e. Township to do:
  - a. Paint Lines on basketball court
  - b. Paint cemetery sign – CVCS has undertaken this project. Thanks!
  - c. Cemetery Management
  - d. Park trees

**New Business:**

- a. Event Discussion – discussion occurred regarding a recent party/festival on private property that may be within township limits. Supervisor Reck noted he'd seen an advertisement online for the event, which stated admission fees for entry. Because of that, he feels the event is elevated to beyond a mere party, and should now comply with zoning ordinances, including a Special Use permit if applicable. After some discussion, no action was taken.
- b. Election Report – Clerk Keller gave a brief election report for the August 2 election: Cross Village township has 232 registered voters; 80 voted (8 by Absentee Ballot). Several people requested AV applications for the next election, which is November 8, 2016.

Absentee Voter applications can be downloaded from the State website:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot\\_105377\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf)

or you may request one from the Clerk:  
231.881.1913

**Second Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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

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