

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-07-2014

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

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 made a motion to approve the agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

Minutes (Sept 2014):

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

Financial Report:

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

Total Bills Paid (September): \$9,440.92

Payment of Bills:

Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$16,429.67). Howard Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Correspondence regarding the Township AMAR (Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements) for the State Tax Commission was presented. Township Assessor Tim Grim will present Supervisor Reck with a corrective action plan to resolve any deficiencies.
- Correspondence between the Supervisor and a resident concerned about a building with a collapsed roof on Chippewa Drive was presented, and discussion occurred on the matter, regarding township blight ordinance implications. Supervisor Reck will generate a letter to the owner of the structure.

Public Comments:

- A citizen asked for clarification on the discussion of the house on Chippewa Drive.
- A citizen asked whether they could trim the apple tree on the CVCC property, and was advised that would be fine.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2013 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Emmet County Township Association will meet at the Cross Village Community Center on October 15, 2014 at 7 pm. **NOTE:** Previous information included an incorrect date for this meeting. The above date is the correct one.
- d. Scenic View Preservation Ordinance: No action.
- e. Master Plan and Recreation Committees: Nobody has signed up for either of the committees as of the time of the meeting. Formation of committees for both the township Master Plan, and Recreation Plan is being requested. Sign-up sheets for citizens interested in being a part of the process by serving on these important committees are encouraged to put their name on the list. Some important elements of township governance are dependent upon an up-to-date Master Plan and Recreation Plan, including some grants.

New Business:

- a. Budget Amendment: Howard Wood moved to amend the budget, adding \$20,000.00, principally, as previously agreed upon, in order to fund the new roof on the Community Center. Howard Wood moved to amend the budget. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the budget was amended.
- b. DEQ File number 14-24-0026-P: Letter to DEQ
Supervisor Reck presented a draft version of a letter to the DEQ expressing township opposition to this Special Exception, citing concerns about dune preservation. Howard Wood moved to approve the letter, Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor.
- c. Sidewalks: Reck stated he'd not yet sent letters to property owners requesting a 6-foot wide easement along Brady Street. He moved to send the letters. Keller seconded. All were in favor of sending the letters.
Discussion of road work projects occurred at this time, with a focus on the section of M119 from State Road to the Cross Lot property. Problems with flooding were noted, with the need for a storm sewer installation.
Also at this time Supervisor Reck announced that a group would be making use of the Park area.

Second Public Comment:

- More discussion regarding road work occurred. Supervisor Reck stated a cost of around \$350,000.00 to complete the abovementioned section, including a new storm sewer system. George Smolak suggested applying township road funds to help finance such a project, with the hope that other groups and sources of funding might then become involved. He noted that it is legal for townships to help fund County roads, and asks if we might put this year's road monies with the County for this project.
- Another citizen supports the idea, stating that although his home is on Sturgeon Bay Drive (scheduled tentatively for upcoming road work), he believes the M119 section to be in greater need of work.

- George Smolak spoke of the funds raised by the Annual Firefighters Appreciation Dinner at Legs Inn, stating it generated over \$6,000. It was explained that 100% of the funds raised are given to RFC. The township expresses deep gratitude for the involvement and generosity.
- A citizen expressed concern that a local man who lives alone was experiencing problems with his toilet. Trustee Wood stated he'd take a look at fixing it.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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